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TOWN BOARDS ORGANIZE

Departments to Conduct Town Business, Elect Officers and Committees at Special Meetings

School Board

Dr. Edward C. Conroy was unanimously re-elected chairman of the school committee when it reorganized at the meeting held Tuesday night in the board room in the Punchard building. Fred E. Cheever, the newly elected member, was present.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Conroy and following his election as chairman, David R. Lawson was unanimously chosen secretary.

Before proceeding to business the board gave a rising vote of thanks to George A. Christie who has retired from the board, for his "conscientious, efficient and loyal services as secretary for the past twelve years" and the same was ordered spread upon the records.

The superintendent presented his monthly report and gave a comprehensive and highly interesting review of the National Conference of superintendents which he attended last week in Cleveland.

The serious difficulty of transporting school children from Scotland district was discussed and the board

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PLAYS AT CASINO ARDEN

Many Well Known Amateur Actors to Appear. Music by American Woolen Company Orcoestra and Dancing to Follow

The newly organized Shawsheen Village Dramatic Club has a jolly program for next Friday and Saturday nights. March 12th and 13th. There will be theatricals of an unusual and pleasing sort, for which the curtain will rise at eight o'clock sharp. Dancing, with the added feature of the fine American Woolen Company orchestra, will follow. It will interest all good Barnstormers, as, indeed, it will everyone, to witness the acting of the new club. William M. Wood has very kindly loaned the Casino on his estate to the club for their entertainment.

The object of the entertainment is to give everyone a bang up good time, and to bring people together so as to create a fine community spirit. To these ends it is hoped, and

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LOCAL NEWS NOTES

Charles A. Hill will occupy the store vacated by the Goldsmith Clark Co.

Clan Johnston, 185, O. S. C. meets tonight in Garfield hall at 7.30 o'clock.

William J. Burns who has been ill at his home on Summer street is recovering.

Fred Cardinal, assistant station agent, has recovered from a two weeks' attack of the grippe.

The Welcome Home committee of Clan Johnston met Wednesday night at the Hillside.

Joseph Hickey of Elm street is employed in the office of the American Express Co., Lawrence.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert J. Smith of Elm street have returned after a six weeks' trip to California.

A meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary 42, to Clan Johnston was held Thursday night in Garfield hall.

Agent John T. Mercer of the Arlington mills will leave shortly for a stay at Old Point Comfort, Va.

A rehearsal of the initiatory degree staff of the Odd Fellows was held in I.O.O.F. hall Wednesday night.

A sewing meeting of the Relief Corps was held Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Carl Elander, Chapman avenue.

John Caldwell of Washington avenue has been made assistant in the paymaster's office of the Monomac mills, Lawrence.

Frederic B. Cole of 130 Main street was a delegate at the 30th annual Y. M. C. A. conference held in Somerville Friday and Saturday.

The Soldiers' Home Aids of the Women's Relief Corps were entertained Wednesday evening by Mrs. Joseph Nuckley, Park street.

A dramatic reading of "The Country Cousin" will be given by Miss Grace Sage, in the Free church parish house next Tuesday night under the auspices of the Men's club.

A meeting of the executive committee of the Punchard Alumni Association was held on Monday evening when plans were made for the annual meeting to be held on April 13.

The meeting of the Margaret Slattery class of the Free church arranged for March 1 has been postponed until April, when members of the class hope to welcome Miss Slattery.

The Free Church is planning a reception for their new pastor, Rev. Arthur S. Wheelock on Wednesday evening, March 10. He assumes his duties on Sunday, March 7.

Word has been received of the death of Arthur Stewart of pneumonia, which took place in Boston. Stewart, who was twenty-five years of age, formerly lived here and was prominent in athletics at Punchard.

Indian Ridge Rebekah Lodge will hold a baked bean supper in Odd Fellows hall tomorrow evening, March 6th. Supper will be served from 5.00 to 7 o'clock. Tickets may be obtained at the store of Charles Hill or from members of the committee.

LOCAL NEWS NOTES

Coming Events

SATURDAY

5.00 to 7.00 p.m. Odd Fllows Hall. Baked Bean Supper held by Indian Ridge Rebekah Lodge.

SUNDAY

3.30 p.m. Community Gathering. Allan Carman and Douglas Crawford will speak on the needs of the Near East, at Town Hall.

7.30 p.m. South Church. Stereopticon Lecture on Medical Missions.

TUESDAY

3.00 p.m. Punchard School. Household Efficiency. Grocery Order for Five.

8.00 p.m. Free Church Parish House. Dramatic Reading of "The Country Cousin" by Miss Grace Sage.

8.00 p. m. Christ Church Community Song Service

WEDNESDAY

8.00 p.m. Free Church Parish House. Reception to Rev. Arthur S. Wheelock.

George Haddon has gone to Bath, Me., where he has secured employment in the shipyards.

The Townsman Tell-Tale supplement revised to February 1920 is now ready for distribution.

The Goldsmith Clark Co. has closed out its business in Andover, the stock being removed to their Salem store.

The Tyer Rubber factories closed Monday afternoon to allow the voters to attend the annual town meeting.

Rev. A. S. Wheelock, pastor elect of the Free church spoke Wednesday night at the service preparatory to communion.

A rehearsal of the chorus of the K. of C. minstrels was held Tuesday night in the council rooms and progress was made under the direction of John Alexander.

At the South church, Sunday evening at 8 o'clock, there will be a stereopticon lecture illustrating "Medical Missions". A more extended notice will be found in another column.

The number of books issued at the Memorial Hall Library for home use during February was 3349. This is the largest number for February since 1908. At Ballardvale, 640 were borrowed.

The annual banquet of the R. C. O. A. will be held this evening in their club rooms at 7 o'clock. Thomas E. Rhodes will cater and after the banquet an excellent entertainment will be presented.

The cause of the Near East will be presented at a community gathering to be held in the town hall on Sunday afternoon at 3.30. Allan Carman of Cambridge and Douglas Crawford of this town will be the speakers.

On Wednesday, March 10, at 4.45, the Mt. Holyoke alumnae of Andover and vicinity will meet with Miss Delight W. Hall, 43 Bartlet street, in the interest of the campaign for raising an Endowment Fund, now being inaugurated by the College.

A smoker of the Yale club will be held in the Peabody house Saturday evening at 7 o'clock. Prof. Farr, dean of the freshman class of Yale and Capt. Jordan of the freshman football team will speak. It is hoped that John Callahan, P. A. '13, will be present.

The many friends of E. Kendall Jenkins will be glad to hear that he is making a rapid recovery after his recent accident. His presence was missed at the annual town meeting on Monday, the first town meeting he has missed since he served in the Civil War.

The engravings and echings from Frederick Keppel and Company have been received at the John-Esther Gallery, and will be placed on exhibition as soon as the coal situation will permit the gallery to be opened. Some lovely etchings in color are included among the prints.

LOCAL NEWS NOTES

Dr. William H. Simpson has moved into the house at 16 High street.

Mrs. Bernard L. McDonald, who has been critically ill for a week at her home on Elm street is reported as slightly improved.

The plans of the proposed War Memorial have been placed in the window of the Andover Bookstore and are attracting a great deal of attention.

Phillips and Abbot Academies will conduct drives for the Near East Relief fund. Mrs. Lyndon T. Crawford will be the speaker at Abbot on Sunday afternoon.

Don't forget the Community Song Service at Christ Church, Tuesday, the 9th at eight o'clock when five choirs of Lawrence, Methuen and North Andover and Andover will sing.

At the meeting of the November Club to be held next Monday afternoon, Miss Leslie Hopkinson will give the fourth in a series of lectures on "Current Events." Tea will be served.

Near East Relief

The committee on Near East Relief opened its campaign in Andover last night when pictures were shown at the Colonial theatre vividly portraying the pitiable condition of the people, particularly of children, in Armenia and other adjacent countries. The pictures which were taken by the Hoover Food Commission were explained by C. W. English, secretary of the Massachusetts Near East Relief Committee.

This will be followed up by a community gathering to be held in the town hall next Sunday afternoon at 3.30 o'clock. Allen Carman of Cambridge, secretary of the Barton Relief Commission recently returned from Armenia, will speak on "Armenians and how the Turks almost succeeded. "Douglas Crawford of this town, son of a missionary to Armenia will also address the meeting.

The support of this work means the saving of the lives of 250,000 orphans till the coming of the next harvest when they will be able to support themselves.

The local committee is composed of W. Dudley Yates, chairman, F. S. Boutwell, treasurer, Mrs. John V. Holt, Mrs. Horace H. Tyer, Rev. M. W. Stackpole, Rev. E. Victor Bigelow, Rev. F. A. Wilson, Rev. E. H. Prescott, Rev. Fr. Nugent, Burton S. Flagg, N. C. Hamblin and Dr. C. M. Fuess. Kidder, Peabody and Co. are the state treasurers.

The local committee solicits your whole hearted support in this worthy cause.

Bird Night

Manley Bacon Townsend, secretary of the Andubon Society of New Hampshire will give an illustrated lecture on "The Special Adaptation of Birds" at the next meeting of the Andover Natural History Society to be held in Punchard hall on Thursday evening, March 16.

Mr. Townsend will tell many interesting things about birds, illustrating his lecture by beautifully colored slides of exceptional charm. How birds developed from reptiles, why some birds' bills are long and straight, why some are hooked, and some are sharp, why some have long narrow wings while others have short ones, and why some birds have somber protective coloring and others have gay ruffs and necklaces will all be explained.

Tickets at 25 cents are now on sale by the school children. Each child who sells five tickets will be given a sixth ticket for his own use.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Largest Sum Ever Appropriated for Town Expenses. Plans Shown for New Municipal Buildings as War Memorial. No Sunday Movies. Goes to License Column

The outstanding features of last Monday's town meeting were the passing of resolutions upon the death of the late Harry M. Eames, who had for thirteen years, been chairman of the Board of Selectmen, the appropriation of $348,365, the largest amount in the history of the town, the report of the committee on the War Memorial, the memorial to take the form of handsome municipal buildings, the easy defeat of the movement for Sunday movies, and the vote in favor of license, 548 to 486.

The contest for town officers resulted in the election of Walter S. Donald as Selectman and assessor for three years over George A. Christie, by a margin of 92 votes, and the election of Frederick E. Cheever as a member of the school board with a margin of 79 over his nearest competitor, Mrs. Ella S. Morrill. Dr. Alfred E. Stearns and Dr. Edward C. Conry were re-elected as members of the school committee.

The total vote polled was 1209, which closely approximated last year's high water mark of 1236. Of the 1209 voters, 1167 were men and 42 were women.

The Meeting

The meeting opened for discussion of the warrant at 2.10 p.m., with Moderator A. L. Ripley, presiding.

Upon opening the meeting Mr. Ripley spoke as follows relative to the chair left vacant by the death of Selectman Eames:

"Fellow Townsmen. None of us can gather here today without a conscious sense of loss and a strange feeling of bewilderment. The loss is both personal and civic; a sterling man, of uprightness and sagacity, is gone from our midst. His thought and effort on behalf of the town were ceaselses and unstinted; he gave his best and his best was always good. He was of a type on which we like to pride ourselves as native and belonging to New England soil and traditions; simple, clear, painstaking and unselfish. There was none of the modern advertising manner in his work or character; nothing betrayed either self consciousness or self-seeking. We can ill spare him; we need more like him. If this meeting sees fit to commemorate in its record the public service of the late Harry M. Eames, it seems to me the fitting moment."

Upon motion of Hon. John N. Cole, the following resolution was adopted by a rising vote:

WHEREAS the Divine Ruler has in his wisdom called from earthly service one to whom had been entrusted large responsibilities in the affairs of Andover, the citizens of the town assembled in annual meeting desire to unite in expressing their appreciation of the high character and the long and honorable public service of the late Harry Millet Eames.

Under the guidance of Mr. Eames as Selectman for thirteen years, the finances of the town have been skillfully directed, and the agencies for carrying on local government have been chosen with care and superior judgment. As a representative in the General Court he ever exemplified by word and vote the purpose of his town and the desires of his constituency to promote the best ideals of Massachusetts.

As a citizen he was a true friend, a kindly neighbor, and an unfailing exemplar of the sort of sturdy New England manhood that for three centuries has been molding the destinies of the United States.

RESOLVED. That the town of Andover has suffered a serious loss by the death of one who, through a broad love for his town, through a high conception of the purpose of public service, through a deep lovalty to public duty, had lifted office holding to a high standard and made public service a contributor to a better community.

RESOLVED. That the sympathy of this gathering be extended to the widow of Mr. Eames and his near relatives, and that a copy of this minute be spread upon the town records.

Article 1. In completing town officers chosen, Mr. Angus was elected

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Columbus, O. Dispatch.

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AT THE THEATRES

ANDOVER COLONIAL THEATRE

Tonight

Gladys Leslie in "The Girl Woman."
Bessie Love in "Carolyn of the Corners."

Tomorrow

Olive Thomas in "The Spite Bride."
Billy West Comedy.

Monday and Tuesday

The Miracle Man.
R. D. Marson Comedy.
Kinogram News.

Wednesday, March 10

Monroe Salisbury in "The Sleeping Lions."
James J. Corbett in "The Midnight Man."
Christy Comedy, "Everybody's Widow."
Kinogram News.

Thursday, March 11

Anna Case in "The Hidden Truth."
O. Henry Stories.
Vitagraph Comedy.
International News.

Friday, March 12

Frank Keenan in "The Midnight Stage."
Harry Morey in "In Honor's Web."
Mutt and Jeff Comes.

Saturday, March 13

Eugene O'Brien in "Sealed Hearts."
Mack Sennett in "Love Loops the Loop."
Goldwyn News.

Coming, March 15, 16

"The Mystery of the Yellow Room."

"The Miracle Man" Hailed as a Picture of Unusual Merit

Hailed by critics as one of the greatest motion pictures ever produced, the Paramount-Arteraft feature, "The Miracle Man" will be displayed at the Colonial Theatre on Monday and Tuesday, March 8 and 9. It is the screen version of George M. Cohan' play that scored so emphatically on Broadway some months ago, and which in turn was based on Frank L. Packard's famous novel. No picture in recent months has had so much praise lavished upon it for the dramatic quality of its story, its keen characterization, and beautiful photography.

The story of "The Miracle Man" centers around an old patriarch of the hills who has gained a reputation for his power to heal the sick and crippled. To him come a band of unscrupulous crooks from the slums of New York Tom Burke, their leader; Rose, The Frog, and the Dope who have conceived the scheme of capitalizing the healer's gift and taking the money for themselves.

What follows is one of the most absorbing stories ever unfolded on the screen. In the hands of such talented players as Thomas Meighan, Elinor Fair, Betty Compson, Lon Chaney, and W. Lawson Butt, the development of the chief characters under the influence of the deaf and blind patriarch is portrayed with admirable skill.

SHUBERT

With melody and beauty predominating, with travesty, singing and dancing, and all strung as well-matched pearls along the necklace of spicy Bohemianism, the Greenwich Village Follies now seeks to amuse, inspire and instruct the peoples of other cities than New York. It will begin the second week of its four weeks limited engagement at the Sam S. Shubert theatre, Boston, next Monday, March 8. In New York it enjoyed a tremendous vogue, first in its native Greenwich Village theatre, thence an the upper Broadway house, the Nora Bayes theatre, where it sought a necessary larger capacity for the demands of its public.

It is indigenous to Greenwich Village that pulsating purlieu of New York, where habitant the artistically ambitious. It is well called a revusical comedy of life in our American Quartier Latin. The immensity of its popularity proves that it amuses; that it has inspiration is suggested by the fact that it has already brought forth an army of imitators to the great artistic benefit of America's musical comedy stage; and that it instructs is shown by the spontaneous departure of the routine producers from the ideas of the ancient designers of scenery, costumes, music, dancing and rim, to the newer art of this newer school of the humoresque.

Its artistry is the base of its structure; the beauty, the soft-toned beauty of its entirety, is its ineffacable promise for imitators, and the novelty of its comedy, music, interpretation, compose its theatrical immortaility. Before it the blase old amusement-roue has found himself wiping his glasses, looking again and then returning to look again. The Quartier Latin of Paris would indeed have been glad to have offered the Greenwich Village Follies to Paris and to the artistic world.

COPLEY

"A Night Off" as adapted by the late Augustin Daly will be given as the next play by the Henry Jewett Repertory Company at the Copley theatre. This immitable comedy was first acted in New York in March, 1885, and in Boston the following May. It is in four acts, and the story told is that of a college professor, Justinian Babbitt, who has written a play which a strolling manager-actor has consented to produce. The professor's wife has a decided antipathy to the theatre, so when the night arrives for the production of the professor's play various subterfuges are resorted to in order that the members of the household may get out to witness the first production, all the family conspiring with the head of the household to keep the secret from the wife. The height of merriment is reached when the members of the household late in the evening return from the theatre, for, as it happens, the play was a dismal failure. The culmination is reached with the appearance of Professor Babbitt who is convinced that he is no playwright.

Henry Jewett has cast the play with careful judgment, and the performance promises to be as successful as when it was given at the Copley two seasons ago.

HOLLIS STREET

"Bab," with Helen Haynes in the title role, enters upon its fourth week at the Hollis Street theatre, Boston, Monday night, and has proven itself one of the biggest comedy successes Boston has known in years. Written by Edward Childs Carpenter, author of "The Cinderella Man" and other stage successes, from the sub-deb stories of Mary Roberts Rinehart, Bab has a very wide appeal to playgoers, and Helen Haynes, who is still in her teens, has made nothing short of a sensation by her clever acting of the school girl whose romantic nature gets her into all sorts of difficulties. Miss Haynes has already established herself as a star of the first magnitude, and many critics proclaim that another Maude Adams has arisen in the person of this Washington girl. "Bab" itself is in three acts, and four scenes, and Miss Hayes is surrounded by a cast of note, including Tom Powers, a former lieutenant of aviation, and who has a long record of successes in musical plays and comedies; Grace Henderson, formerly of the Lyceum Theatre Stock Company in New York; George Allison, Arthur Eldred, Katherine Alexander, Claribel Campbell, the original Mytyl in "The Blue Bird", Junius Matthews and others.

The matinees at the Hollis have been thronged since "Bab" opened there.

Keep Cool

In explaining why a chisel must be kept wet with cold water when being sharpened on a grindstone, John, the brilliant physics student, said: "A chisel must be kept wet with water else it will become very hot and lose its temper."—Boys' Life, for February.

Leap Year is the proof of the adage that every gay dog has his day. In reality, the extra day in leap year is lady's day. There are no accurate statistics on how many women take advantage of the leap year prerogative, but probably it is no greater than in other years, if you know what we mean. February is one of the few examples of the fact that to him that hath not shall be given. All the old maid and old remade jokes will be in order, among others that diaries will be kept longer this year—a day longer.

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TOWN MEETING

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as member of Board of Trustees for Cornell Fund.

Article 3.—To determine what sums of money shall be appropriated for Almshouse Expenses, Repairs on Almshouse, Relief out of Almshouse, Aiding Mothers with Dependent Children, Board of Health, Brush Fires, Fire Department, Hay Scales, Highway Department, Insurance, Interest, Memorial Hall Library, Memorial Day, Post 99, G.A.R., Miscellaneous, Parks and Playsteads, Police, Printing and Stationery, Public Dump, Retirement of Veterans, Redemption of Water, Sewer, High School and Andover Loan Act Bonds, Schools, Sewer Maintenance, Sewer Sinking Funds, Soldiers' Relief, Spring Grove Cemetery, State Aid, Street Lighting, Town Officers, Town House, Tree Warden, Moth Department, Water Maintenance, Construction and Sinking Funds, and other town charges and expenses.

Almshouse Expenses, voted	$4,500
Almshouse Repairs, voted	$300
Relief out of Almshouse, voted	1,000
Aiding Mothers with Dependent Children, voted	3,000
Board of Health, voted	3,000

John Traynor. "In regard to that additional $1000 they are proposing for the board of health I want to ask about the cows that are diseased. What is the use of trying to fight this disease if we don't go to the foundation of it? They are distributing this milk, and isn't there somebody that can tell us what they are going to do about it?"

Dr. Abbott: "I didn't understand the question."

Mr. Traynor: "I asked what the Board of Health are going to do in regard to the diseased cows and the milk that is distributed with that disease in it?

Dr. Abbott: "That is left entirely to the Inspector of Cattle."

Mr. Traynor: "So the inspector can tell us about it, can he?"

Dr. Abbott: "He ought to be able to do so."

Brush Fires, voted	$600
Fire Department, voted	18,000

Mr. Traynor: "I want to draw the attention of the town to that question. We voted for the two-platoon system and we believe it is right. I don't believe we ought to pay a man to go and take another man's job in the day time. I don't think it is right when we have men in the fire department who have been sleeping last night to have them ordered out on the street for work today and take away another man's job. We voted for the two platoon system for the health of the men."

Hay Scales, voted	$125
Highway Department Maintenance, voted	30,000
New Construction, voted	30,000
Fire Insurance, voted	2,000

Mr. Traynor: "I am interested in the insurance question and I am rising to ask if the Board of Selectmen is going to distribute this insurance fair, or is it going to one firm in town? It should be distributed around and not all go across the street here. I would like to ask them to distribute that fairly and equitably. I have lived without it, and will probably have to live without it, but I want an answer to my question. Are they going to distribute it fair this year? I ask the Selectmen."

Mr. Higgins: When the insurance expires probably the Selectmen will take up the question as to where the new insurance shall go."

Mr. Traynor: "No doubt!"

Moderator: "I have no doubt that the Selectmen have the best intentions in placing the insurance, and what we have got to do is to give the Selectmen the power. They can be interviewed and criticized at that time if need be."

Insurance (Workingmen's Compensation), voted	$2,200
Interest, voted	15,000
Memorial Hall Library, voted	3,000
Memorial Day, voted	150
Post 99, G. A. R., voted	100
Miscellaneous Expenses, voted	3,000
Parks and Playsteads voted	1,200
Police, voted	7,800

Printing and Stationery

Barnett Rogers: "I move the sum of $3000 be appropriated for printing and stationery so that we can have the assessors' report printed. In advocating this motion I think it must have been an oversight in not having the assessors' report published. It has been ten years since we have had any published. I think we ought to have these reports published by the assessors, and I move the extra expense be added to the appropriation for printing and stationery."

J. E. Dodge: "Does that carry with it instructions to the assessors to publish them, or does it just furnish the money without any instructions?"

Moderator: "Under the head of new business we shall probably take that up."

Mr. Dodge: "Could not the sum be appropriated at that time?"

Moderator: "I see no reason why the appropriation could not be made then, but it is a little better order to put it in here now."

Mr. Dodge: "Has not the Finance Committee gone over this very carefully, and if we are following their recommendations on other matters, why not follow their recommendations on printing?"

Mr. Rogers: "I should say in answer to the gentleman that I don't believe this matter has ever come before the Finance Committee. In my judgment I think we want this report published."

H. A. Bodwell: "This question was not brought before the Finance Committee. If the assessors' report has not been published for ten years, I see no reason why this money should not be appropriated at this time for that purpose. If the Selectmen vote not to publish it, there is then no obligation on the part of the Selectmen to spend the money."

Mr. Dodge: "I would like to amend this motion, and move that $1600 be appropriated for printing and stationery, and $1400 for publishing the assessors' report."

Moderator: "The motion, then, before you now is that $1600 be appropriated for printing and stationery and $1400 additional, the latter sum to be used in publishing the report of the assessors." Voted.

Public Dump, voted	$75
Retirement of Veterans, voted	300
Redemption of Water Bonds, voted	8000
Redemption of Punchard School Bonds	6000
Redemption of Andover Loan Act Bonds, voted	5,000
Redemption of Sewer Bonds, voted	5000
Schools, voted	92,000
Sewer Department Maintenance, voted	2,500
Sewer Department Sinking Fund, voted	1,000
Soldiers' Relief, voted	1,200
Spring Grove Cemetery, voted	2,500
State Aid, voted	1,500
Street Lighting, voted	6,700

Mr. Traynor: "I would like to ask this Lighting Committee if they get any rebate for the lights that are not lit. I have notified the people who have charge of the lights and they don't take any notice of it. I wonder if the committee has ever asked for any rebate on those lights that are out."

W. H. Coleman: "We get a rebate for all lights that are out when we are notified that they are out."

Moderator: "Town Officers—$8,115 recommended as against $7,600 last year."

Mr. Cole: "I note the explanation of this recommendation given in the town report, carrying the suggestion of an increase for the Chairman of the Board of $200, which would make the salary for the Chairman of the Board, whoever he may be, $900, and leave the salaries for each of the other two members at $600. I have no question but that the Chairman should have the highest salary, but it would seem to me that under the circumstances we ought not to make quite so much of a distinction. I have a high regard for the present members of the Board, and believe this is quite a sharp difference in salary. I wish the Finance Committee, under the circumstances, would recommend a modification of their recommendation, or accept a motion that I will make, namely that the salary of the Chairman be $900 and that the salary of each of the other two members be $800, believing that under present conditions it is certainly not an excessive salary to pay for men with such responsibility as these three men have. I now move that we appropriate $8,815 instead of $8,415 for town officers."

Mr. Bodwell: "I would just like to say that the Finance Committee considered this pretty carefully, so that it was not simply a snap judgment. We thought that the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen has always had considerably more to do than the other members of the Board. We felt that to handle the work to the best efficiency, the Chairman of the Board was entitled to quite a considerable advance over the other two members. I see no objection, however, if the town cares to increase the salaries of all the members of the Board, why it should not go through."

Voted. $8,815

Town House, voted	$3,000
Tree Warden, Gypsy and Brown-tail Moth Dept., voted	4,250
Water Department Maintenance Recommended	16,000

Mr. Baldwin: "I would say that since our budget was made up we have signed a contract with the city of Lawrence to deliver a certain quantity of water and since February 2 an extra charge has been made so that it will be necessary in order to meet this increased expense to add $1000 to our appropriation. This money you understand will come back to the town. Our bill against the city of Lawrence today is $2,215, but we figure that the total cost of this extra pumping will be $1000. Therefore I would make a motion that we appropriate the sum of $17,000 for maintenance, $2,000 for construction, and $750 for sinking fund."

Moderator: "The meeting would be glad to know if these are new facts or if the Finance Committee has considered them."

Mr. Bodwell: "These facts have just been brought to the attention of the Finance Committee today. I think Mr. Baldwin's explanation fully covers the fact that it is an added expense which will be returned to the town."

Mr. Cole: "I would like to ask for a ruling, if it is timely and in proper form, to consider at this time the question of the rate charged for water and to see if an amendment could be made to this motion that would carry a vote to increase the rates charged for water in the town of Andover."

Moderator: "I see no reason why it cannot be done if the meeting elects to do so, to couple with this appropriation a recommendation that the rates be increased."

Mr. Cole: "Mr. Baldwin, for the Board of Public Works, prepared a year ago a most exhaustive and interesting review of the development of the water system in the town of Andover. He has furnished me this year, supplementing that report, a table which shows that since 1889 (and I have been interested to follow this every year since that date for thirty years) the water system in the town of Andover has failed to pay its own way. For a long time in the early years of the water system I think most of us believed that as it was a service caring for only the needs of a portion of the citizens of the town, it might properly call for aid, but little by little it has gone on until today it practically covers the greater part of the town in so far as population is concerned. But it is a serious statement that Mr. Baldwin submits to us, in these days when we expect this type of public service to come nearer to being a returning proposition for the town than this is. As a matter of fact, Mr. Moderator, in many cities and towns in the Commonwealth, the water system is a source of profit to the community. I do not think I can be accused of speaking from the standpoint of protecting my own interests, because I have as large a water bill as most people, excepting perhaps only the larger institutions; but it certainly is not fair that the people who have no enjoyment of this privilege should be burdened by taxes to pay for my enjoyment of that privilege. Since 1889, with the loss $6813, up to last year when the loss was $11,160, we have gone on, varying a little from year to year, but practically every year showing a loss, so that the average in thirty years is in excess of $6000 per year, and because of that situation everyone is bearing an increased burden at the present time. I move you Mr. Moderator, that the rates for water in the town of Andover be increased as near to a figure of 30 per cent over the present rates as may readily be adjusted to the method of collecting rates for water in the town of Andover, and that this motion be an amendment to the appropriation for maintenance."

Mr. Bodwell: "I fully agree with Mr. Cole that the water department should be self-supporting, and the Finance Committee wanted very much to go into this matter, but had not time to do it. I think, however, we would be taking chances to decide anything today, and hope that this meeting will decide that the best way to handle that is to have some committee look into the whole matter next year so that it can be taken up then, and the department made self-supporting. We don't want to make a revenue, or have it less than self-supporting, but I think it is going rather fast to try to decide today what the rates should be."

Mr. Baldwin: "I might explain the figure of $11,000 as given last year. This is due in part to the difficulty we had at the pumping station. We had a very expensive break-down which cost about $1000, and then on account of not supplying the city of Lawrence with a great amount of water, our receipts fell off quite considerably. Up to last year the average loss per year, figuring in depreciation and interest, was about $6000. I have had this matter under consideration, and in looking back over the records I find that this situation was brought to the attention of the voters in 1900 or 1901. It was found then that the water department was not a paying proposition, and the rates were revised. As nearly as I can determine, they were increased approximately 25 per cent at that time. Using the figures of last year, an increase of 25 per cent would yield the town additional income of $5966. It would seem to me, with all due respect to the previous speaker, that this would be sufficient; and if it is in order I would like to make an amendment not only to bring out this point, but also to bring up the question of revising the rates. If we simply add 25 per cent or 30 per cent, or whatever you agree upon, to the present rate, it is going to be a very difficult matter to figure out these bills, for the reason that the meters read in cubic feet and there are about 7½ gallons to every cubic foot, which necessitates change to gallons. If we add 25 or 30 per cent we complicate matters still further. My suggestion would be that the rates be so revised that the increase would yield at least 25 per cent from each water-taker. Then these bills could be rendered on the basis of so much per hundred feet. I would like to move that the rates be revised so as to yield an increase of 25 or 30 per cent from each water-taker."

Mr. Cole: "I accept that amendment."

E. V. French: "I should think we ought to have a further study of this situation. The Finance Committee did give considerable attention to it. In a good many communities the water department is operated as an entirely separate department on a business basis paying its own way as it goes along. There are some objections in a town like Andover to that plan, but the whole matter is one that needs further looking into. I agree with Mr. Bodwell that action today without a further study of the subject would be inadvisable. I think there are some questions as to the adjustment of rates that would wait until the time is ripe for a thorough consideration of the whole problem, and I certainly hope that that course will be followed."

George B. Frost: "The honorable gentleman of Highland Road has implied that no man in Andover who does not have the privilege of water should be obliged to pay an additional tax because I have that privilege. There is involved in this argument a fundamental principle. The principle seems to be that a man shall pay only for that from which he derives direct benefit. Are you willing to accept that as a fundamental principle for the town to follow? Should a man be taxed for no department of the town save that department which yields to him a direct benefit? That is the principle involved in the motion of the honorable gentleman, as I understand it. I claim that it is a false principle, and, if you will pardon personal allusion, I should like to illustrate. I have lived in the town of Andover thirteen years and I have paid out hundreds of dollars for the maintenance of our public highways. Until last year I have never owned a horse nor an automobile. I made almost absolutely no use of your public highways, and yet this year probably I shall pay, as small a man as I am, $125 or $130 for the maintenance of your highways. Now, unless I have an automobile or a horse, unless I use your roads, on the principle that no man should pay for that which does not yield him direct personal benefit, the town should not charge me a cent. In addition, I pay at least $1 a year for the public schools, and I would be glad to pay a thousand dollars if I could, for I believe in them; yet, gentlemen, I have not had any benefit directly from the public schools. I have no children that have ever been educated in your public schools. Why, then, should I pay $100 a year for their upkeep? I pay for the support of the schools in West Andover, in Ballardvale, in Frye Village. I help maiptain those schools, and yet I get directly not one red cent. I say it is a false principle. Every man should be willing to pay, and not only that, but if it is unjust to tax some man for paying for the water which I used this year, it was unjust last year and the year before, and it has been unjust ever since 1889. I move we go into the bills, figuring up how much they paid, and let the town vote to rebate every cent of it. I have been told, (perhaps I am misinformed, I frequently am) that the water board has been pushing ahead year by year. We have a sinking fund year by year. I think we have something like $30,00 on that at the present time. I was

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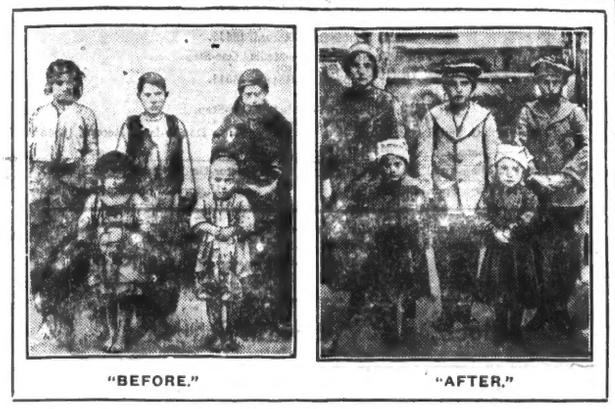
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Harvest wages per day with board reached the top figure of $4.48 in the North Central States west of the Mississippi River and the lowest figure of $2.28 in the South Atlantic, and the United States average was $3.15. Without board, the United States average of $3.83 was most exceeded by $5.33 in the former States, while the latter States had the lowest average, $2.82.

Statements in similar form for day wages for work outside of harvest with board make the United States average $2.45, that of the North Central States west of the Mississippi River $3.22 and of the South Atlantic States $1.85; the rates without board, in the same order, were $3.12, $4.03 and $2.39.

TOWN MEETING

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assured that in five years, if the board maintained the same horse sense and follows the same policy which it has followed in the last five years, in five years it will be self-supporting. Suppose you tax me twice as much for my water, you simply add to your tax rate. The men who own houses are the men who pay the water rates. The honorable gentleman has said, let us put more taxes on men who use water and less tax on those who do not use it. On the same principle, let us put more tax on the men who use the schools."

Charles W. Clark: "I may say that I am somewhat in sympathy with the gentleman who has last spoken. I question somewhat if it is to the wisdom of the citizens of the town to advance to its citizens who use water the cost to them one cent. Personally, I recollect years ago when the water system was first started, when it was first brought to the attention of our citizens, it came before us simply with an idea of fire insurance, at first for the protection of the property in the center of the town and it has gradually grown from that time to this time under its present proportions. Following the introduction of the town water, we were blessed with other facilities, and the question came before us in open town meeting that the outskirts were being taxed for the benefit of the few. What followed? Why, simply the valuation of the property was increased in the center of the town, and the outlying section remained the same. Just now there is a probability that there is going to be more of a call for pure water than we have ever had during the past few years. It seems to me that this whole question should be submitted to a committee for further consideration, and a report made to the town at a special meeting or at a meeting a year hence. I question if many communities of a similar size to the town of Andover ask their citizens more for the use of the water than we do in the town of Andover. I am not ashamed to say that I don't desire to see the system self-supporting, strange as it may seem. We have a pure body of water, we are blessed with it, let us enjoy it. Let us, if we can, give it to our citizens free of cost."

Mr. Rogers: "I think myself this is a good deal ado about nothing. We have figured out this water question, and some think the average loss is $6000 a year. Now if this was a private company instead of a public corporation, they would charge the town for every hydrant and every fountain, and not less than $25 or $30 for each hydrant. The Board of Public Works water department, if it was to charge the town would make itself a paying corporation at once. There is no reason at all for raising the taxes. This year we will get $4000 from Lawrence. Furthermore, we are putting in more and more meters each year and we are getting better results. I think we had better leave the rates alone. That is my judgment."

Moderator: "I want a motion. The motion made originally had an amendment which shifted between Mr. Baldwin and Mr. Cole, and was finally agreed to by both of them, that the rates should be increased so that each water-taker should find his meter bill increased 25 per cent."

Mr. Cole: "I suppose I have less to if you vote against my proposition than anybody in the room. Certainly I cannot enter into an academic discussion of this proposition, for it would take too long and I am afraid it would be profitless; but in regard to the use of the road by the gentleman from Highland road, I have a notion that the grocer still stops at his house, and other tradesmen make use of the road to accommodate him. However, if he is not satisfied with my view of this matter, he and I had better discuss it amongst ourselves. The real thing is set before us here. Don't overlook the fact that in 1915 the total income was $22,451

1916	"	23,496
1917	"	24,780
1918	"	27,053
1919	"	23,864
1915	Cost of Maintenance	9,982
1916	"	1,1998
1917	"	11,538
1918	"	15,838
1919	"	18,257

Now it seems to me that there is no question but that we ought to give this consideration, and I am going to change that motion if I may, and suggest this—That the Board of Public Works be instructed to consider carefully the question of rates, and to revise and put into effect at the earliest possible date such schedule of rates as shall make the water service self-supporting. If we are to discuss this entirely from the standpoint of logic, it can carry us into all sorts of devious ways. We have got to get this system where it will stand on a parity with other similar towns, and it must be self-supporting. Most of the cities and towns in the Commonwealth are. Our costs are increasing and our income is not increasing in proportion. I have no interest other than to keep the rates down, but the right business proposition for this town is to meet the situation in some such way as I have suggested."

Geo. C. Foster: "I would like to know how much the water costs and how much they get for it. One-third of it goes to the sewers, and we have two sewerage pumps in this town that are run by water. Now if the sewer department paid for the water they used in their pumps I think the department would be self-sustaining. I move that a committee look into this whole thing and see where the difficulty is. I would like to ask the chairman how much water it takes to run these pumps."

Mr. Rogers: "It does not take any at all."

Mr. Clark: "I would like to ask what amount is shown in the figures given by Mr. Cole as depreciation on plant?"

Mr. Baldwin: "We charged off for depreciation at the rate of two percent per year, and for thirty-one years we charged off $160,845.50."

Moderator: "That would be a little over $5000 a year on that basis."

Mr. Baldwin: "I would like to call your attention to our report of last year in which we advocated no increase. That was due to the fact that in the loss of about $6000 a year, we figured the cost of new hydrants and fountains, etc., which probably cost the town that much; but we are face to face with a very different situation this year. Our costs have mounted to almost double, and they are sure to be increased from year to year. For instance, the engines at the pumping station have now been in operation for thirty-one years, and they are fast wearing out. There are many pieces that have got to be replaced, and we are liable to have our expenses this year at least $12,000 more. It is really the time when we should increase the rates. I believe that we are face to face with the same condition that existed in 1900, when as I said, the rates were increased 25 percent. I am not sure whether the motion carries with it the instructions to the Board to revise the rates, but if it does I am satisfied."

Mr. Cole: "It does."

Moderator: "Mr. Cole's second motion withdraws his first one, and I understand Mr. Baldwin consents to that, and an amendment." (Motion of Mr. Cole read).

Mr. Frost: "I think ordinarily one is not allowed to speak twice on the same motion, but I wish to claim just a moment. At the first town meeting I attended, this matter came up, and I think there is a vote on record to the effect that the Board of Public Works can extend the water just so far as it sees fit. I think that if the honorable gentleman will look into the history of the Board he will see that whatever reason exists why our present water rates do not make the department self-supporting is because year by year we are laying out money for new construction. This year you will notice $2000. That is the reason, and the honorable gentleman himself will not deny it when I say that his ambition was to extend the water to every family in town. That is a noble ambition, and I wish it could be done, but you can't expect the department to be self-supporting while you are doing it. And were it not for the fact that the present Board, not acting upon the present policy of the town, absolutely refuses to carry out that grand, optimistic idea, we should today be further in debt than we are. In five years, if we let this Board alone under its present management, it will be self-supporting."

Mr. Clark: "I can't see quite yet why, even if we follow out this method, in ten or fifteen years from now we won't be practically in the same position again. In regard to depreciation, why shouldn't we put aside this year $5000 to meet that obligation, practically the same as a sinking fund, to meet the requirement of the replenishing of the pieces that have got to be taken care of in a few years. Perhaps I do not quite understand it."

Mr. Dodge: "Unfortunately for myself, I was not at the town meeting a year ago. Two years ago a motion was passed instructing the Board of Public Works to bring to the town meeting information as to what it costs to supply water to Lawrence, and to tell us whether we were making a profit or a loss out of pumping the water to Lawrence. I would like to ask the Board of Public Works, through you, if they have that information."

Mr. Baldwin: "That was covered very fully in the report of last year. It is shown on pages 8 and 9 of last year's report."

Mr. Dodge: "May I ask another question? Are they making a profit on the water we are selling Lawrence, or a loss?"

Mr. Baldwin: "We feel that we are making a profit, although in this business it is difficult to know just exactly how the profits are arrived at. I might say that we are charging Lawrence today on the basis of 11 cents per 100 cubic feet, which figures out about 18.6 cents per 1000 gallons. That is quite an increase over the old rate which was formerly charged Lawrence, of 7 cents per 1000 gallons. Therefore, we feel that we are making a profit on this."

Mr. Rogers: "We are charging the city of Lawrence 18.6 cents for a thousand gallons, and it costs 10.6 cents."

Mr. Dodge: "Then the Board of Public Works think we are making a profit on the water we are selling Lawrence, because the income pays the wages or working expenses. It seems to me that the town business can be run on business principles, just as well as any other business in which any of us are engaged. There is not a man in this room who can continue spending 10% more than his income in the hope that in five years from now his house will be self-sustaining; and I don't believe that the waterworks can be conducted on that basis. It should come somewhere near not only paying wages and cost of maintenance, but the new construction, and your sinking fund, and your retirement of water bonds. I believe that a committee should go into this very thoroughly, and I think the motion covers it. There is no time stated when the new rate shall go into effect. If you will appoint the right kind of a committee to go into this thoroughly it may not go into effect for six months; but if this situation keeps going on, where are you going to get? It affects every man in this room. It doesn't affect a few of us who have to pay large taxes, and I might add that if you look into your insurance rates you will find your insurance rates here in town, where you have got water supply, very much lower than on the outskirts, where we have to pay higher rates because we have no water supply."

Mr. French: "If we could enlarge this amendment a little by providing for a more complete investigation, with or without authority to act upon it, preferable for the Board of Public Works to report their conclusions, I think it would clear up the situation. There is the broad question of a public water system for fire service, which is being discussed a good deal in the waterworks conventions, and all these things put together make this question so serious that I think it is dangerous to take action today in doing something that will have to be undone a year from now. The whole matter will not suffer if we wait a year."

Mr. Cole: "My purpose in bringing this matter up is that we find here a situation that is not in a business-like condition, as the gentleman from West Parish has said, and I yield very much to the gentleman who has last spoken in his knowledge of the situation. I believe his suggestions are worthy of serious consideration. Of course, we must realize, however, that putting it over a year means fifty cents a thousand on the tax rate. If the town wishes to vote in that way I certainly have no personal objection to it, but I do want to see the situation cleaned up. If Mr. French desires to make that motion an amendment to mine, then the town accepts it, understanding that it means, if the motion I have made should go through, an added income that represents a reduction of fifty cents on a thousand this year; of course, it is a different form of tax, but it is a tax for a thing that you actually enjoy."

Moderator: "Will Mr. French state his suggestion as an amendment?"

Mr. French: "I move that the Board of Public Works be instructed to investigate the whole question of the water department rates, and the feasibility of making it a separate department, and the question of fire service, and report at a special town meeting, or next year."

Mr. Cole: "The separate department is what bothers me. It is going to bother a lot of us. It was a separate department once upon a time, and we brought it back to a department of service under other departments. I hope the voters will appreciate that to make this a separate department is to depart from the present policy and go back to a policy that we forsook several years ago. I think the time has come for such consolidation of departments as shall make a single collector, and not further separate departments. The right policy is to consolidate, and save expense in operation of all the departments. Our costs are getting to be serious, and every separate department adds to them. I hope that Mr. French didn't mean a separate department in that way. Of course, if it simply comes out of one pocket into the other pocket, it is simply a matter of bookkeeping. You are just fooling yourselves in the amount of income you get, but it is a kind of fooling that a lot of towns enjoy doing, and perhaps we would like it."

Mr. French: "I think Mr. Cole somewhat misunderstood me. I did not suggest that this be done. I suggested that the Board of Public Works be instructed to investigate the advisability of it. Probably I did not make myself clear as to a separate department. I agree absolutely that we don't want any more departments. What I did mean was that it may be found desirable, as has been the case in many communities where the best method of handling the situation has been studied, to make the water department a separate accounting organization, still under the Board of Public Works, but with a method of doing business so that we are going to know what we are doing. That is the line of negotiation which I am sure Mr. Cole wants."

Mr. Rogers: "I presume that every member of the Board of Public Works is very anxious to take up this question. There are thirty-one typewritten pages up to date on the water question. You have had the whole matter before you. The facts are right here and you had them in making this amendment. Tell us what more we can do than what we have done."

Moderator: "The gentleman has not taken all the help from the amendments that he might have gotten. The amendment of Mr. French contemplated referring the matter to the Board of Public Works, requesting them to investigate the whole question of rates, and report back either at a special town meeting or the next regular town meeting."

Mr. Rogers: "The only way that you can receive that $6000 is by adding the 25 percent to your present rates. That will give you the $6000."

Mr. Rhodes: "In 1918 the Board of Public Works was instructed to do the very thing that you are trying to instruct them to do now. They made their report in 1919 in the town report. It was not brought up in the last town meeting; there was not a word said to it at that time. I think the motion which the gentleman made in regard to adjusting rates should pass, but with an amendment to go further in investigation seems to me only a waste of the Board of Public Works' time. We now have possession of all the data that we can get, and we have all the material to go by. If the results of the Board of Public Works are not satisfactory to the town, the town has the right to reject their report, or accept it. If any further investigation is required, we should either accept or reject the report they have."

Moderator: "The question is on Mr. French's amendment to Mr. Cole's amendment."

Mr. Dodge: "The Board of Public Works informs us that they have all the data necessary to work out rates, etc., and if that is true, this motion is of no benefit whatever, and I hope the motion will be killed."

L. G. Buck: "I think myself the motion is just merely to postpone the thing, and I hope it will be killed."

Mr. Bodwell: "There are some of these figures that had not been presented to the Finance Committee."

(Mr. French's amendment Voted).

State Tax and Highway Tax, voted $28,000
County Tax, voted 15,000

Article 4.—To see if the town will appropriate a sum not exceeding $5000.00, to continue the macadam on Lowell Street; the same to equal an amount which the State and County will severally appropriate, on petition of the Board of Public Works.

ARTICLE 4 New construction Lowell Street $5,000 voted.

Article 5.—To see if the town will appropriate the sum of four thousand dollars ($4000.00) to complete the work of reconstruction on Wolcott Avenue which was started in 1919, on petition of John F. O'Connell and others.

J. F. O'Connell: "To read that statement it sounds as if we were a little selfish in asking the town to appriate $4000 toward that street in particular, in view of the fact that all the subjects discussed here are set forth for general improvement of the town. But when I explain the conditions you will be inclined to agree with us that we are entitled to relief and improvement. Fifteen years ago Wolcott avenue was laid out, and up to last year there had never been a penny's worth of work done on that street, notwithstanding the fact that it is probably one of the fastest growing streets in the town. There are now twenty-three lots on the street, and twenty-one of them are built upon, or in process. Last year we went to the Board of Public Works because of the conditions for travel on our street. It was a swamp. I go to Boston every day and so do some of my neighbors, and we have many times laughed at the fact that we have to wear rubbers to the corner of Elm street, and they are not necessary from that point into Boston and back again. Last year the conditions got so serious that we asked the Board to go and look at our street and do something at once. They did go there and they found such a morass that they filled one end of the street with black ashes to temporarily give us relief. We asked them to build the street anew, but they finally agreed to spend whatever money they had left on Wolcott avenue. This only completed 500ft. from the corner of Elm street, and there remains about 700 feet to be done, which would connect with the fine piece of macadam road we now have there. On that street we have seventeen automobiles. That is nothing that I mean to brag about, but nevertheless they break up the street. Mr. Buttrick was compelled to stop using his automobile because of a sudden softening that made such ruts he did not dare to run his car the necessary hundred yards he would have to go through. I am in a quandary because I am not very familiar with these meetings where the wheels are so beautifully greased and everything runs along so smoothly, and perhaps I am in a little bit wrong in trying to put this thing across, as I look over the faces of some of the gentlemen here. Nevertheless I think that the fair-minded men in this room agree that once the job is started on a street like that it should be completed. I think that is the custom in State work, and I will ask Mr. Cole if it is not the policy of the State that when they once start a piece of highway work they finish it. I am going to ask, if it is in perfect order, if it is the sense of this meeting that the Board of Public Works complete the approximate 700 feet upon that street before they go ahead with the large program on new streets. I would like to make it a motion to instruct the Board of Public Works before new work is started to complete the work on Wolcott avenue."

Mr. Bodwell: "It is a wrong policy to bring any special work for special streets before this meeting, particularly when the Board of Public Works has not asked an appropriation for that street. It is necessary for them to map out some sort of a schedule for progressive building of roads, and they have not called for any expenditure for Wolcott Avenue this year. It might be interesting to the meeting for me to read part of a letter from the Finance Committee to the Board of Public Works. (Read letter asking for $35,000 for new construction on Main Street, Abbot Street, Summer Street, and Abbott Village.) I think everone will agree that all the streets mentioned are streets receiving severe wear and they are in need of repair. It has seemed to the Finance Committee that the proper way to handle this matter is to give an appropriation to the Board of Public Works for the year, to continue work on some definite schedule, and it also seemed to the board when this particular article was considered, that Wolcott Avenue might be put in passable shape, but could wait for new permanent construction until we complete the macadam roads that are wearing out and are in bad condition. I think we ought to refer this to the Board of Public Works."

Mr. Rogers: "When we went before the Finance Committee we had a policy agreed upon to fix up the streets in the center of the town first and then work out, and that is the way that we are trying to do it. The report called for $35,000, and to make that cover the work somebody has got to be left out. If the town wants to give $4000 for that street, all right, but don't take it out of the appropriation to do it, because we have already spent that. I think you said there are three vacant lots on that avenue, but I think there are eight."

Mr. O'Connell: "There are three unsold."

Mr. Rogers: "If you want to appropriate the money, all right, but we can't do it unless you do make an appropriation."

Selectman McTernen: "I consider Wolcott Avenue one of the worst streets in the town of Andover. Instead of building the entire street, it might be possible to have $1500 expended on that street, and build another section of it this year. The street is in very bad condition, and as Mr. O'Connell has said, it is almost impassable in the spring, trying to get through there in an automobile. I think there ought to be something done there."

Mr. Rogers: "Build the whole of it if you are going to do a part; but you had better make the appropriation of $4000.

Mr. McTernen: "The upper end of that stret is hilly, and I think there is ledge under it. That part is quite dry, and I think that section would go for a number of years, but in the part near Mr. Buttrick's place it is very low."

F. A. Buttrick: "I have lived in the town ten years, and I have lived on promises. Last year is the first time we have had anything done outside of mowing a few weeds."

Mr. Frost: "We have never had anything done to the street where I live and I have been there thirteen years. It is one of the worst streets in town, as dusty as it can be in summer, and muddy in spring. If I were a little richer I would have it fixed myself, but I have never asked the town for a cent. Our expenses are already $70,000 more than last year, and all these things were thrashed out by your Finance Committee, item by item. If you have any confidence in the worth of the Finance Committee, I don't think you ought to appropriate $4000 for something new that they don't approve."

D. R. Lawson: "I would like to ask some of these gentlemen who oppose this if it is fair when they have got good streets in front of their houses? I hope Mr. O'Connell's motion will prevail."

Mr. McCartney: "I live on Mr. Frost's street, and except along in front of Mr. Cole's property, all that he says about that street is true."

Moderator: "I don't think we are getting at this thing at all, in this discussion of streets all over town."

Mr. O'Connell: "Doesn't it seem quite unfair that where all the surrounding streets in that district are beautifully built up with permanent construction, the highway department halts at completing a small 700 feet along that street where the residents take an especial pride in their neighborhood? If this street construction was done, it is our ambition to line both sides with granolithic walks; we have talked about that for some time. We cannot understand why the Board of Public Works did not incorporate into their present program a plan to finish work which they so well started last year. By completing this 700 feet they will finish up that entire corner of the town. We would very much like to have you see it from our viewpoint, and instruct the board to finish that 700 feet."

Mr. French: "I think it ought to be pointed out that the plan which the Board of Public Works has submitted is a definite plan of action. A motion of this kind would stand absolutely in the way of the line of development which they want to make. If the town feels that it is a good thing to go ahead with Wolcott Avenue, then I think the amount of $4000 should be appropriated. It was the feeling of the Finance Committee, first that we ought not to go beyond the recommendations in highway work by the Board of Public Works, and second, it was felt that with the amount of money the Board of Public Works would have to spend, they would all have they could do effectively, with the labor situation as it is. In order to do the section on Main Street which the Board of Public Works proposes, it is necessary to do the whole of that section at one time. Then the material taken from there could go to some other place, because a good deal of the under part there is not suitable for the road, and economy demands that it be put in the nearest available place, which is Abbot Street. The plans will be absolutely upset if the town instructs them to go ahead in some other way. If the town feels that Wolcott Avenue should be done, I am sure the committee would not like to oppose that matter, but I think that they felt that the Board of Public Works, with the plan which they had submitted, were having all that they could do spread out before them for the year. It did not seem advisable to the Finance Committee that the Wolcott avenue expenditure should be made this year.

Mr. Baldwin: "Some of us may have forgotten that the appropriation last year for construction was cut $15,000, and therefore it was absolutely impossible to do a great deal of necessary work. I presume I was as much responsible as any member of the Board for the small amount that was done on Wolcott avenue, and those of us who fixed that street felt that it was absolutely necessary to do something, because in the spring of the year the street was almost impassable, and to drive automobiles over it was quite out of the question. However, it is entirely wrong, from my point of view, to ask the Board of Public Works to expend this out of their money that has been been appropriated this year. When we made up the projects we did not figure the cost of snow removing, and on this we have already done work amounting to $7000, and probably before the end of this winter it will go to $10,000. Our construction work has been cut $5000 and you can readily see

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A MEMORABLE MEETING

The heavy demands on the Townsman's columns this week, to publish the verbatim report of the town meeting, make it difficult to find space for extended editorial comment. We cannot refrain, however, from giving brief consideration to a few of last Monday's sidelights. As a whole, the meeting was a wonderful affair with a higher order of discussion and a better preparation of the main issues that were considered, than we have noted for many years.

There were a few unfortunate incidents, due entirely to the manner in which the causes of these incidents came before the meeting. In the first place, the citizen had become attuned to the policy of preliminary consideration being given to matters demanding discussion, and when the two or three things that were directly related to Shawsheen Village tumbled in upon the voters, with nobody to tell whether they were front-end-to or right-side-up, it was pretty easy for them to get badly scrambled in the discussion. That did not, however, for a moment justify the spirit that seemed to control the voters for a few brief minutes in considering the matters, and it was good to see them come back to a proper realization of the importance and value to the town of Andover of the work going on at Shawsheen Village.

The writer has never found the attitude of Andover very different whether it was dealing with the problems of the cottager or the problems of the mansion occupant, and let us hope that there will never be any change in this attitude. We have reason to be very proud of such men as Mr. Wood, who has grown into one of the great big places in the life of the world, as a business man and as a far-seeing constructive force. Andover is mighty fortunate that he is applying some of his talents to a section of this town, and providing in the work going on in Shawsheen Village, employment for a lot of people, and creating homes for many others. It is the kind of work that takes courage and vision at a time like this, and we don't believe that at any time when Mr. Wood wants the co-operation of the people of Andover there is going to be the least question about his getting it, the only requisite being that they shall know what he wants, and that he shall let them know it as intelligently and well thought out as he lets the business life of the country know the purposes and products of the American Woolen Company.

The big objective for Andover to consider from this time on is the War Memorial, away beyond the ideas of most people, and involving many difficult situations. Let no one think, however, that it is impossible. Instead of that, it is a genuine probability, if Andover men and women get behind it as they are capable of doing. The town made a far step toward it Monday through the spirit that controlled the town meeting.

Rev. Arthur S. Wheelock to Begin New Duties

Rev. Arthur Stanley Wheelock will preach his first sermon as pastor of the Free church next Sunday morning. He will join the church at that time and with several others receive the Right Hand of fellowship from the Pastor Emeritus.

On Wednesday evening his new parishoners are to give him a reception in the Parish House.

His installation will take place on March 24.

Suits by Local People

Among the cases entered at the March return day of the superior court at the office of the clerk of courts in Salem on Wednesday were the following of interest to Andover people:

Joseph J. McCarthy, administrator of the estate of James McCarthy, Andover, vs. Metropolitan Furniture Co., of Boston, in an action of tort for $10,500 for fatal injuries to plaintiff's intestate, from being struck by defendant's automobile on Main street, Andover, January 16, 1920.

Frank A. Buttrick of Andover vs. Boston and Maine Railroad, in an action of tort for $10,000 for personal injuries and damages to automobile, from being struck by defendant's train, on a private way in Andover.

Frank A. Buttrick, Andover, vs. Smith & Dove, Andover, in an action of tort for $10,000, for failure to keep private way in a safe condition, the plaintiff being injured in above accident on November 8, 1919.

Drive for Mt. Holyoke

Has the word "drive" already come into disrepute as stale or threadbare? Some people think so, at least, for an official in the American Library Association was heard to remark recently: "Oh yes! we're out for a large sum to provide service men and out-of-the-way communities with more reading facilities, but for goodness' sake don't call it a drive!"

Whatever our personal reactions may be toward this much-used word, we have regarded with admiring interest the driving power displayed by the Smith alumnae of Andover in establishing the much needed Lunch Box. A like sympathetic interest will be forthcoming, without doubt, when the alumnae of Mt. Holyoke College, —the college that Mary Lyon was urged to found in Andover,—ask the townspeople for their cooperation in behalf of a $3,000,000 Endowment Fund. Mt. Holyoke women of Andover, as of many towns and cities near Boston, are to meet this coming week to discuss local activities. The fund, as President Woolley remarked at the Vendome on Saturday, has already passed the quarter million mark, although the intensive campaigns are beginning in most places this month. The Andover committee is as follows: Miss Delight W. Hall, Miss Jane B. Carpenter, Miss Ruth B. Mitchell, and Miss Rachel A. Dowd of Abbot Academy.

Committee on Bridge

The Moderator has appointed the following committee to attend the hearing on the Frye Village bridge at the State House next Tuesday:—the chairman of the selectmen, and Board of Public Works, Messrs. E. V. French, Charles U. Bell, H. A. Bodwell, J. C. Angus, and E. Barton Chapin.

Resolutions

The following resolutions were passed upon the death of Harry M. Eames, by the Trustees of the Punchard School.

When on February 11, 1920, Harry Millett Eames passed from his home on Elm Street into the Life Eternal, the town of Andover lost one of its most loyal citizens, a tried and valued town officer, an upright and lovable personality.

Born in Andover, sixty-six years ago, the late Mr. Eames spent most of his life here. What is of most touching memory to us is his service on the Board of Trustees of the Punchard School. He was known to us by his true qualities of friendship and citizenship. Love of service for his native town gave nobility to his unselfish work. A man of unusual judgement, his help and advice were invaluable to the Trustees and to the special Committees on which he served. Sane in advice, assured of his own point of view, his courtesy to the opinion of others was never lacking. We shall miss the living association of his wise and friendly words and actions.

In recording our gratitude for his devoted service, we desire to express to his widow our deep and true sympathy And we hereby resolve that a copy of these resolutions be sent her, be spread as well upon our records, and be printed in the Andover Townsman.

Rev. C. W. HENRY
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K. of C. Defeats Andover

The first in the series of games between the Lawrence council, and Andover council, Knights of Columbus, ended with the Lawrence teams victorious. The Lawrence team cleaned up in every entry except the pitch, which was won by the Andover team, 8 to 1 and 7 to 5. In whist Bresnahan and English of Lawrence defeated Lavery and Barrett of Andover, 12 to 9, and Daley and McAuliffe, defeated Sullivan and Haggerty of Andover, 29 to 21.

Checkers—Lands, Law., 2 games; Stack of Andover, 1.

Cribbage—Hurley and Roby of Lawrence, 5; Hurley and Doherty of Andover 2.

Pinocle, Knightley of Lawrence 3; McCarthy of Andover 2.

Pitch—Sullivan and Winters of Andover, 8; Lantry and Somers of Lawrence 4; Eastwood and Miner of Andover 7; Morrison and Hadley of Lawrence 5.

Forty-five Curran and Sheedy of Lawrence, 11; McIntosh and Haggerty of Andover, 8.

Pool—Condon of Lawrence defeated McNally of Andover 50 to 47; Finan of Lawrence defeated Leary of Andover 50 to 29.

Billiards—Whelan of Lawrence defeated Stack of Andover, 50 to 23.

In Bowling, Lawrence defeated Andover, taking four pints. The score:

ANDOVER				
Harnedy	109	81	104	294
Eldred	90	83	90	263
McCarthy	92	83	84	259
Donovan	80	86	100	266
Doherty	100	97	87	284
Totals	471	430	456	1366
LAWRENCE				
Crowley	101	90	92	283
Linehan	117	81	96	294
Riley	81	93	88	262
Haggerty	99	85	93	277
Keegan	85	89	96	270
Totals	483	438	465	1386

Last Recital at Abbot Academy

In her recital in Davis Hall last Saturday afternoon Miss Greta Torpadie was heard for the first time in Andover. She has a beautiful soprano voice, delicate, flexible, and firm; her intonation is pure and sensitive and her singing is interesting artistically. The group of Swedish songs on the program were particularly noteworthy. They were at once novel, full of color, and poetically suggestive. Before singing each of these songs, she read, and read most beautifully, —a translation of the poem. Hearing the song immediately after a reading of the text, the added expressiveness and beauty of the music stood forth conspicuously. Lie's Sne (Snow) was exceptionally interesting. The rhythm and harmony of the accompaniment, the melodic line and nuance of the voice part, and their inter-relation were most unusual. And yet, like a genuine work of art, it was all prfectly natural, spontaneous and free. Much to the delight of the audience Miss Torpadie repeated it. She was also generous in adding several songs in the course of the program. Harold Spencer of New York was her accompanist and added much to the pleasure of the afternoon. The excellence of his playing was exceeded only by his modesty.

This was the last recital in this year's series at Abbot Academy. The other concerts were given by the Berkshire String Quartet in December and Miss Aurore LaCroix, pianist, in January. None of these artists had been heard in previous concerts here and each had distinctive excellence.

Phoebe Foxcroft Phillips Chapter D. R.

The annual meeting of the Phoebe Foxcroft Phillips Chaper, D. R., was held Tuesday afternoon, March 2, at the home of Mrs. C. E. Abbott, on Main street.

The annual reports of the secretary, treasurer and historian were read and accepted and officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: Regent, Mrs. C. E. Abbott, vice-Regent, Mrs. V. D. Harrington, secretary and treasurer, Mrs. H. F. Chase, historian, Mrs. G. B. Frost, delegates to convention to be held in Boston the week of May 16, Mrs. C. E. Abbott and Mrs. V. D. Harrington; alternates, Miss Florence Parker and Mrs. H. F. Chase.

At the close of the business meeting tea was served.

Rebekah Lodge Met

Monday night Indian Ridge Rebekah Lodge, I. O. O. F. met in Odd Fellows hall and routine business was transacted with Mrs. Ira Buxton N. G., presiding.

Following the business a social time was enjoyed and games played. Refreshments of sandwiches, cookies and cocoa were served by a committee consisting of Mrs. Edward Dunwoodie, chairman, Miss Margaret Ritchie, Mrs. John Collier and Miss Porter.

Abbot Academy Notes

At the Sunday evening service in Abbot Hall, February 29, Miss Harriet Scoville spoke most interestingly of the work at Hampton Institute. Miss Scoville's talk was supplemented by a number of negro spiritual songs by the Hampton Quartet. Captain Scott, a Hampton graduate who served with colored troops in France, vividly presented some of his own overseas experiences.

The "A" society of Abbot Academy entertained recipients of numerals with a snowshoe hike by moonlight Tuesday evening, March 2.

Medical Missions

At the South Church next Sunday evening, March 7, at 7.30, will be given the stereopticon lecture which illustrates the study of medical missions in foreign lands.

The Mission Study Class of the South Church have been fortunate in securing this lecture, which gives in fine colored pictures the entire story of "A Crusade of Compassion."

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Dramatic Reading

The Men's Club of the Free Church have planned a rare entertainment for the public on next Tuesday night in a dramatic reading of Booth Tarkington's play, "The Country Cousin," by Miss Grace Sage.

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Christ Church Notes

Last Sunday morning the train was almost on time but it brought an old friend, the Rev. W. D. Bigelow, of Jamaica Plain for the morning services, instead of Rev. Dr. Hatch.

At the Sunday evening service the combined choirs of the church will sing.

We are hoping for good weather and many people for the service on Tuesday night at 8 o'clock. The choirs of the five churches from Lawrence, Methuen and North Andover will sing with our own. The Men's League from North Andover is expecting to come in a body. Rev. A. W. Moulton of Lawrence Bishop-elect of Utah, will preach. This is one of the church community services which Bishop Lawrence has asked to be held. All are invited.

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Household Efficiency

The sixth lesson in the course in household efficiency will be given at three o'clock next Tuesday afternoon, March 9, in one of the class rooms at the Punchard School.

The meeting will be in charge of Miss Marie Sayles of the Home Economics Department of Amherst Agricultural College, and the subject for discussion will be "A Grocery Order for Five." This will include a discussion of changes which may be made in an order to give either the same or an increased food value at the same cost, and changes to give variety maintaining the same cost.

A cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend this lecture.

School Children to Ride

Dr. Conroy and Superintendent Sanborn after conferring with the selectmen have made arrangements to have the fire horses used in the present emergency to transport the school children from Scotland District to the Center Schools. While the Reading road has been snowed under and street car service suspended, children from that neighborhood have been obliged either to walk or absent themselves from school.

Beginning Thursday morning, the two fire horses have been used to bring the children to school. During the time they are making the trip, two horses belonging to C. F. Emerson are held at the fire station ready to respond in case of an alarm.

Vote of Thanks to Mr. Christie

At the meeting of the School Board held this week, a vote of thanks was extended to Mr. Christie, who recently resigned from that board, after a long term of faithful service. The letter sent him was as follows:

Andover, Mass.
Mar. 3, 1920.

Mr. George A. Christie,
14 Summer St.,
Andover, Mass.

Dear Mr. Christie:

At a regular meeting of the Andover School Board held Tuesday evening, March 2, 1920, it was unanimously voted to give you a rising vote of thanks and appreciation for the efficient and loyal manner in which you have discharged your duties as Secretary of the above mentioned Board during the past twelve years.

Kindly accept the cordial wishes of the School Board for success in your future undertakings. On behalf of the Committee.

Very truly yours,
D. L. Lawson, Sec.

Mothers' Club Notes

At a meeting of the Andover Mothers' Club held Wednesday afternoon at the Punchard School a letter was read from Mrs. Bernard M. Allen, tendering her resignation as secretary of the club. Mrs. B. F. Hatch was elected to fill the vacancy.

Notice was given of the next meeting to be held April 7, when Dr. Lily Owen Burbank will address the members of the club on the subject, "Care of the Younger Girls." The Bradlee Mothers' Club is invited to be present at this meeting.

The next directors' meeting will be held March 16, with Mrs. Thomas W. Platt of 50 Chestnut street.

On Thursday, March 25, the members of the Andover Mothers' Club and their invited guests will visit the Lawrence plant of the Hood Milk Company, which will provide them with a special car to make the trip. Upon their arrival in the city a lecture and luncheon will demonstrate the value of milk as a food.

Mrs. Feeney and Mrs. Foster were appointed a committee to confer with Superintendent Sanborn and a local dentist in regard to the advisability of appropriating a sum of money to be used for dental work among children whose parents are unable to give this important matter the proper attention.

Neighborhood Rally

There will be an all-day neighborhood gathering at the South Church on Thursday, March 18, when the women of all the Andover churches will unite in a Home Missionary rally.

An interesting program has been arranged including several out-of-town speakers on the general subject of Christian Americanization, who will tell how the great problems of the time are being met. There will be a devotional service in recognition of the Day of United Prayer for Missions observed elsewhere earlier in Lent.

Between the morning and afternoon sessions there will be a basket luncheon, with coffee served by the South Church ladies.

This meeting will give a splendid opportunity for fellowship, information and inspiration. All who read this are asked to speak of it to others, so that there may be a big representative gathering of Andover women.

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TOWN OFFICERS ELECTED

Walter S. Donald Wins in Three Cornered Fight for Selectman. Town Votes License for First Time in History

The vote was not as large as last year, when 1236 ballots were cast against 1127 this year, which was due, no doubt, to the fact that the weather was not what is usually enjoyed on Town Meeting day. The heaviest polling was done between 11 and 2 o'clock when the polls closed.

One of the most notable results of the election was the change from the no-licence column to license, the first time in the town's history.

In the contest for Selectman, Walter S. Donald, a former member of the board, won over George C. Christie and William C. Crowley.

For the members of the School Committee, Dr. E. C. Conroy and Dr. Alfred E. Stearns were again re-elected and Frederick E. Cheever won the third place over Mrs. Ella S. Morrill and Walter H. Thompson. There were no other contests on the ballot.

The result:

MODERATOR

Alfred L. Ripley	923
Blanks	245

TOWN CLERK—1 year

George A. Higgins	929
Blanks	238

TOWN TREASURER—1 year

George A. Higgins	895
Blanks	272

SELECTMAN—3 years

George A. Christie	366
William C. Crowley	323
Walter S. Donald	458
Blanks	41

ASSESSOR—3 years

George A. Christie	370
William C. Crowley	317
Walter S. Donald	439
Blanks	41

ASSESSOR—2 years (To fill vacancy)

Andrew McTernen	854
Blanks	311

COLLECTOR OF TAXES—1 year

William B. Cheever	919
Blanks	248

SCHOOL COMMITTEE — 3 years

Fred E. Cheever	615
Edward C. Conroy	621
Ella S. Morrill	536
Alfred E. Stearns	750
Walter H. Thompson	415
Blanks	690

TRUSTEE PUNCHARD SCHOOL 2 years

Frederic S. Boutwell	886
Blanks	281

BOARD PUBLIC WORKS AND SINKING FUND COMMISSION 3 years

Thomas E. Rhodes	814
Blanks	353

BOARD PUBLIC WORKS AND SINKING FUND COMMISSION 2 years (to fill vacancy)

Arthur T. Boutwell	872
Blanks	295

BOARD PUBLIC WORKS AND SINKING FUND COMMISSION 1 year (to fill vacancy)

William D. McIntyre	766
Blanks	101

BOARD OF HEALTH—3 years

Bancroft T. Haynes	810
Blanks	357

AUDITORS OF ACCOUNTS—1 year

Walter H. Coleman	820
John S. Robertson	863
Harry Sellars	835
Blanks	983

CONSTABLES 1 year

Thomas F. Dailey	801
George W. Mears	792
Frank M. Smith	835
Blanks	1070

TRUSTEE MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY 7 years

Frederic S. Boutwell	859
Blanks	308

TRUSTEE MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY—2 years

Charles U. Bell	865
Blanks	302

TREE WARDEN—1 year

Edward H. Berry	860
Blanks	307

LICENSE

YES	518
NO	416
Blanks	113

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1920

Almshouse expenses	$1500
Repairs	300
Relief out of Almshouse	1000
Aiding Mothers with Dependent Children	3000
Board of Health	3000
Brush Fires	300
Fire Department	18,000
Hay Scales	125
Highways, (Maintenance and new Construction)	60,000
Insurance (Fire)	2000
Insurance (Workmen's Compensation)	2200
Interest	15,000
Memorial Hall Library	3000
Memorial Day	150
Post 99, G. A. R.	100
Miscellaneous	3000
Parks and Playsteads	1200
Police	7800
Printing and Stationery	1600
Assessors Decennial report	1400
Public Dump	75
Retirement of Veterans, Acts of 1912	300
Redemption of Water Bonds	8000
Redemption of Punchard School Bonds	6000
Redemption of Andover Loan Act Bonds	5000
Redemption of Sewer Bonds	5000
Schools (in addition to receipts from fees, etc., estimated at about $1000)	92,000
Sewer Dept. Maintenance	2500
Sewer dept., sinking fund	1000
Soldiers' Relief	1200
Spring Grove Cemetery (to include receipts)	2500
State Aid	1500
Street Lighting	6700
Town officers	8815
Town house	3000
Tree Warden, Gypsy and Brown-tail Moth Dept.	4250
Water Department Maintenance	17,000
Construction	2000
Sinking Fund	750
State Tax and High-Tax (estimate)	28,000
County Tax (estimate)	15,000
New construction, Lowell street	5000
Wolcott avenue extension	1500
Total	348,365

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

—STATE HOUSE, BOSTON, MARCH 1, 1920. The Committee on Roads and Bridges will give a hearing to parties interested in House No. 845, that the county commissioners of the county of Essex be authorized to construct the bridge over Shawsheen river in the town of Andover,—at room No. 427, State House, on Tuesday, March 9, at 10.30 o'clock, A.M. Carl C. Emery, Chairman. J. Warren Moulton Clerk of the Committee.

Plan Improvement to Church Building

A representative gathering of members of the South Parish assembled at the November clubhouse last Friday evening upon the invitation of the finance committee of the South Church and Parish. After enjoying an excellent dinner, Marquis M. Converse led in a discussion of church repairs and finances and plans were formulated for raising $11,000 for that purpose, $1300 of the sum being pledged in about ten minutes.

After the singing of "America the Beautiful" dinner was served by Caterer Page of Lowell. The menu consisted of

Oyster Cocktail
Tomato Soup Bread Sticks
Roast Sirloin of Beef Brown Sauce
Delmonico Potatoes Green Peas
Asparagus Patties Rolls Butter
Pineapple Salad Mayonnaise
Sultana Roll Claret Sauce
Assorted Cakes
Cafe Noir

The object of the gathering was made known to the company when Frank Brigham sang a clever parody on "Smiles".

Mr. Converse then told of the problem before the assessors who had been empowered by the parish to make necessary repairs. When they had looked into the matter they felt that they needed to take council with the parish before moving in the matter, hence Friday night's meeting.

The improvements needed in the church building were presented in detail by Burton S. Fladd, chairman of the board of assessors. Repairs on the steeple were so urgent that workmen are already engaged in reinforcing and strengthening it, the expense of which will be about $300. Other repairs called for were new carpets for the auditorium and galleries, shingling with asbestos shingles, painting of both the exterior and interior, and remodelling of the sanitary arrangements. These improvements would cost about $11,000 and an additional $8000 would cover the cost of steam heating system. It was the opinion of the assessors that this last improvement might be postponed.

Mr. Converse summarized the situation and asked for expressions of opinion. Since a large majority favored making improvements costing $11,000 methods of raising funds were discussed. Pledge cards were circulated and $4300 was promised to be payable in June and December of this year. A sinking fund of $3800 with the $1200 to be added to it, this year, makes a sum of $5800 available for the same purpose.

To raise the balance a letter will be sent to every member of the church and parish. The management of the fund was left in the hands of the finance committee.

The question of free pews was discussed, but no action was taken.

Eugene M. Weeks, superintendent of the Sunday School presented a plea for co-operation and assistance in this department which is so vital a part of church work. There were other speakers on the same subject.

The gathering which was one of the pleasantest and most successful ever held by the members of the parish closed by extending a rising vote of thanks to Mr. Converse, who so generously played the part of host.

Twelfth Lesson in Historical English Grammar

The twelfth and last lecture in the course in Historical English Grammar given by Douglas Crawford which took place on Monday evening at the Punchard School was one of the most interesting in the series. These lectures have been given on successive Monday evenings, beginning early in November to a class composed largely of public school teachers.

On Monday evening Mr. Crawford showed several books which were of interest to students of old English including a copy of Cynewulf's "Juliana" and a fourth or fifth edition of Johnson's dictionary.

In reviewing the ten important influences which have affected our modern English as it is used today be mentioned (1) Anglo Saxons and Celts, (2) Danes and Northmen; (3) Normans contributing a French influence; (4) Rennaissance Chancer, (5) Caxton and the printing press; (6) Shakespeare, (7) Bible; (8) False scholars of the 18th century; (9) Dr. Samuel Johnson and his dictionary; (10) Immigration and "The Saturday Evening Post."

That this popular weekly should be included in the list was a surprise to many. Mr. Crawford considers it a well written magazine and that its influence is good. When one reflects that it has a circulation of 2,000,000 and probably is read by between five and ten million persons its influence is considerable.

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ABBOTT VILLAGE

Farquhar MacKenzie of Red Spring road has moved his family to Pearson street.

Edwin J. Anderson of Cuba street has returned to work after several weeks' illness.

Miss Winifred Broughm of Essex street spent the week-end with relatives in Boston.

Mrs. John Coyle of Red Spring road has entered the employ of the Smith & Dove Company.

The minstrels of the Smith & Dove Company will be tendered a banquet Tuesday evening at the Hillside. About ninety people will be present.

The Smith & Dove Athletic Association has been invited to send a delegate to the Y.M.C.A., Lawrence, to make plans for an industrial soccer league.

Snow Cost Half a Million

The following statement was issued Tuesday by the Public Trustees of the Eastern Massachusetts Street Railway company:

Snow, rain, ice, high winds, sudden thaws and freeze-ups in January and February cost the Bay State system at least half a million dollars.

Night and day, against discouraging odds, snow workers employed by the Eastern Massachusetts street railway struggled to keep lines open, and in every city in the entire system, even when blizzards were raging at their fiercest, cars were kept in operation on most of the local routes.

When the majority of other street railways and steam roads were completely tied up, the Bay State, through the splendid co-operation of its men, managed to keep hundreds of cars going in different parts of the system.

Labor alone during these trying days and nights cost nearly $250,000. This sum was paid exclusively for the removal of snow and ice from the tracks. The payroll for this work is now continuing at the rate of about $5000 daily.

In every district many cars have become disabled and have been sent to the repair shops for new equipment.

The burden thrown upon the Bay State system by motor trucks and other vehicles running upon the rails, which our employes had cleared, was not only expensive but a distinct menace to public safety and convenience.

On the interurban lines, just as soon as service was re-established it was interrupted again and again by trucks which stalled on the tracks and tied up our snow plows and cars, thus discommoding thousands of people whom we would otherwise have been able to serve.

Throughout the heavy strain put upon our resources the great majority of the car riders on the Bay State lines have shown a disposition to appreciate that we were doing everything in our power to keep the wheels running, and we thank them for their kind consideration.

WEST PARISH

Mrs. George Spickler is sick with the grippe at her home on Lowell street.

Choir rehearsal at the West church will be at 7.15 Thursday evening of this week.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the West church will meet with Mrs. Herbert Carter on Wednesday at 2.30 p.m.

Helen Lewis of Lowell street spent the week-end visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson of Danvers.

Mrs. Richard McOwen of Boston visited at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Spickler at the Pumping Station.

There was no meeting of the Lafolot Club this week because of the illnecs of Miss Florence Pike who was to have been hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. Rubine Kilburn of Lowell street entertained as week-end guests, Mr. and Mrs. Henry McLaughlin of Norfolk Downs, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles McLaughlin of East Putney, Vermont.

Miss Orchard, the Osgood District teacher, although improving is as yet unable to resume her duties. This, together with the coal shortage has meant the closing of Osgood School, for an indefinite period.

On Friday the young people of the West church visited the young people of the South church, Lawrence, making the trip in a big pung. They were entertained royally and a fine supper was served by the Ladies' Aid Society of the South church.

Mrs. Annie Buchan and her sister, Mrs. David Stott of North Andover, have been in New York the past week, where they went to meet their brother and sister, Charles and Mary Torter of Brechin, Scotland, who have come to make their home in America.

On Friday, March 12, the young people of the West church will entertrin the young peopie of the South church, Lawrence. Supper will be served by a committee of which Miss Ruth Abbott is chairman. A pleasant entertainment is being arranged and all the young people of West parish are cordially urged to be present.

Grange News

The regular meeting of Andover Grange will be held in the grange hall Tuesday evening. The subject for the lecture hour will be "Bird Night," in charge of Pauline and Ebba Peterson, with a twenty minutes' entertainment in charge of the music committee.

Farmers' Day at Hathorn has been postponed because of the bad travelling conditions. Notice of the new date will be given when definite arrangements have been made. It is hoped to make this the biggest "Farmers' Day" yet.

Pamona met with Haverhill Grange at their grange hall. The morning address, "Health a Civic Duty", was provided by the State Board of Health. In the afternoon there was inspection and fifth degree in full form.

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6.00. Y.P.S.C.E.
7.30 Thursday. Prayer meeting.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL
Rev. C. E. Wintringham, Pastor

10.30. Worship with sermon by the pastor and communion. Sunday School will follow.
6.15. Epworth League.
7.00. Worship with sermon by the pastor.
7.30 Thursday. Prayer meeting.

Mrs. Ernest Edmonds has been ill with the grippe.

Mrs. Richard Sherry is recovering from her recent illness.

John Clinton of Andover street, is seriously ill with pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Conway are both ill, at their home on Center street.

Mrs. Charles Fischer of Malden visited in the village on Wednesday.

Mrs. Maude Higgins of Tewksbury spent Tuesday with relatives in the village.

Mrs. R. A. Wilkinson spent Monday with her sister, Mrs. Charles Parker of Reading.

Miss Margaret Frazer has secured employment in the Marland Mills of Andover.

Miss Anne Trent, who was recently injured in an automobile accident in Lowell is able to be out again.

Mrs. Atwood of Hartford, Conn. made a brief visit this week with her cousin, Mrs. Prudence Brown.

Miss Bertha Rowland of Boston was a week-end guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Shaw, High street.

Mrs. Charles B. Richardson spent Thursday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John McIntyre, Tewksbury street.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Stafford of Lynn spent Sunday with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Stafford, Tewksbury street.

Miss Catherine Clinton went Wednesday to visit her sister, Mrs. Edward McMahon of Lowell, who is ill with pneumonia.

Miss Vivian Graves of Marblehead spent the school vacation with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William Clemons, Andover street.

Word has been received that Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Abbott who have been spending the winter in Florida, are now on a trip to the Gulf of Mexico.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Congregational church will meet with Miss Peterson at the home of Mrs. William Shaw on Wednesday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock.

Wedding

BELL-WOOD

A quiet wedding took place at the Methodist parsonage last Saturday evening when James C. Bell and Miss Anne Wood, both of the village, were united in marriage by Rev. C. E. Wintringham. The couple were unattended and left immediately on a brief wedding trip. They are now residing at their home on Dale street.

Coasting Party

Last Monday evening a number of young people took advantage of the fine weather and held a coasting party on Pole hill. They were Mildred Buck, Arlene Miller, Alice and Barbara Loomer, Melvin and Charles Haynes and Darwin Stark.

At the end of the evening the young people assembled at the home of Melvin Haynes where refreshments of hot chocolate, sandwiches cookies and cake were served.

Mothers' Club Meeting

The regular meeting of the Bradlee Mothers' Club was held in the Kindergarten room on Thursday afternoon. The members are busy making a quilt which will be sold to swell the treasury. Plans were discussed relative to fathers' night, which will take place early in April.

The next meeting of the Club will be held with Mrs. Alfred Holland at Lowell Junction on Tuesday evening, March 9th. Members will take the 7.30 train.

Refreshments of tea, cake, cookies and nabiscos were served by the committee, Mrs. Fred Shattuck, Mrs. Ralph Greenwood, and Mrs. Louis Schneider.

Church Society Meeting

The annual meeting of the Congregational church society was held in the vestry last evening. The attendance was small and the business short.

The meeting opened with prayer by Stephen G. Byington, after which the reports of the officers for the past year were read and accepted. The following were re-elected to office for the ensuing year. Amos B. Loomer, moderator; Joseph E. Stott, clerk; Bancroft Haynes, treasurer; Eldon E. Fleury, auditor; Stephen G. Byington, collector; Irving R. Shaw, assistant collector; Joseph E. Stott, organist; George Shaw, trustee.

It was voted that thanks be sent to Ballardvale Mills, the Ladies' Aid Society, Northey Marland, Addison Wonson, and Miss Abbie Haywood for their generous donations in the past year. It was also voted that two dollars be allowed monthly for music and socials.

As no other business was brought forward the meeting then adjourned.

TOWN MEETING

(Continued from page 3)

that if we should start in on Wolcott avenue some other very needy sections will be neglected. I would like to offer an amendment that the sum of $1500 be appropriated for the extension of this work on Wolcott avenue."

Mr. Rhodes: "That will not be enough to complete the work, but it will enable us to do about the same as last year."

Mr. Dodge: "Living on the extreme west of the town I can sympathize with these people on Wolcott avenue, but I can congratulate them also, that they do not have to wear rubber boots as we do to get over our roads. And, Mr. Moderator, I would like to amend the motion before the house, that it be referred to the Board of Public Works."

Mr. Baldwin's motion carried, $1500 appropriated.

Article 6.—To hear and act on the report of the committee appointed to consider an Andover Memorial to those engaged in the World War.

Mr. Cole: "You appointed at the last annual town meeting a committee consisting of the Rev. Mr. Shipman, Professor Forbes, Frank H. Hardy, Jerome W. Cross, Frank A. Buttrick, John F. O'Connell and the speaker to consider the question of a suitable memorial for the boys who had served in the world war; in the minds of the committee a memorial that should express the atitude of the town of Andover with regard to that great conflict. The task of the committee could have been made easy, or we could have followed the line which we have followed in attempting to get a proper vision of the purpose that should be behind, that should be underneath, that should control, the attitude of the town of Andover in this matter. It would have been easy to select a group of streets and give them names that would perpetuate individuals, and things that individuals had done in connection with the great war; it would have been easy to create a simple marker, for example in the center of the town, occupying a prominent place there, and setting before the people through a shaft pointing heavenward that there we had recognized the deeds that men had done and the things that had been accomplished by their contributions. But, my friends, if the town of Andover with a great history behind it has no larger conception of the purpose of this recent great conflict, no higher appreciation of what it should undertake to do for those who are to come after us, than such simple markers as are suggested in several communities in the Commonwealth, then the town of Andover is no longer true to the mission that set it here and to the purpose that we believe is ahead of it.

"The broad vision of the committee called for the creation of a twetieth century inspiration for the town of Andover to set before your citizens and to leave as a heritage for those who shall come after us; and so with that purpose and with only that in mind, we have taken an ambitious program that must of itself interfere with some personal interests, and that must of itself be perhaps rather beyond your vision at the present moment. It certainly cannot have action at this time in any appropriation, or in any definite motion other than to report progress, and fix further action to follow. I am going to ask you to bear with me for a moment while I take up what the committee has prepared for the consideration of this town, with those things in mind that I have endeavored to set before you. I first want to pay tribute to my associates, all of whom have become enthusiastic, with the exception of Mr. Shipman who was unable to be here, over the purpose set before you in these drawings. I want to express the thanks of the committee, and I believe, the thanks of the town when you have an opportunity to study these plans, to the architect, an Andover boy, Perley F. Gilbert, who has given hours and hours of his time without thought of money or price, in working out the vision that the committee has had; and to his associate, an old Andover boy, Edwin B. Clark, who with that wonderful touch and skill that he possesses has put in color that vision in this second picture.

"The purpose of these two plans is that, as a memorial to the men who went to the front, as a memorial to those who stayed behind in support of them, there should be a community center in which all the activities of the town should find play, finding an opportunity for development and working out a new Andover through it. Because of the men who have done the things these men did, and because the war created a thought of community interest to solve all the problems in world, in nation, in state and community, we have created here in the area between Chestnut Street and Punchard Avenue what we believe would be the most striking civic center that could be found in all the Commonwealth. In this we have had in mind some of the problems that are very close to the people of Andover calling for solution in the next twenty years. You are filling this hall today, for example, and when the women vote you will overflow it two to one; and hence the town hall, a town hall that shall hold the people of Andover, that shall give an opportunity for all to have a part in the deliberations of the town, is almost an immediate necessity for the people of Andover to consider. It was natural that I should think of that, because I recall over thirty years in this town hall, and recall activities here under the old conditions. It will not be long before we shall have to consider the problem of building a hospital, and adding new school buildings.

"The setting that the park may make back of this created center has led us to choose this particular spot. We are not unmindful that many homes are there, and that men have a peculiar love for the particular home where they have lived for many years, and that it is not going to be easy, even though the money were available this minute, to make the sentiment back of those homes give up the enjoyment in them; but, my friends, progress has ever touched the recognition of the right to apply the law, and has touched all sorts of trouble such as that, but has been obliged to march on without any reference to the old, if the new had a call sufficiently powerful to impress itself upon the community or officials having such progress in charge. We have located the town hall in the center of this fine area, there to have on the one side a public library, which I am inclined to think must come also sooner or later; on the other side a building in which shall be housed all those activities that make up the life of this community: the G. A. R., American Legion, Historical Society, Natural History Rooms, The Andover Village Improvement Society, Boy Scouts, and in the basement a gymnasium that shall be a part of the development of the bigger playground. Over in back here come the new school buildings; it is not long before you have got to have them. We have also planned for a central heating plant that shall take care of the whole proposition.

"A great piece of property is involved in this taking, approximating $98,000 by taxable valuation. In order that the sentiment of the old New England community may not be offended by wasting the present buildings on this tract, there is planned a street running from an extension of Whittier Street that would continue to Morton Street, cutting off the playground from the school buildings, and from this junction of that street a new street back of Morton Street. It is impossible to show its full length on this plan, but running from this street to Whittier Street and Morton Street is an opportunity for real estate development of very great value and almost immediate need to the town of Andover. It will be possible to take these buildings from this street and move them up here, and salvage a large value to the town. Other real estate openings are made over here near to Morton Street and the playground has an opportunity for still further development. In these ways we find the Andover of 1999 anticipated by the men of 1920.

"My friends, I realize that this is an ambitious program. It can't be carried out today, perhaps never, but unless the town of Andover is able or is ready to take that far vision of the future, we shall not, it seems to me, do our task as we ought to, as it has been set before us by those men who have sacrificed themselves and those others who have played such a part in the great purposes of the last war. I would like to make a motion, Mr. Moderator, that we may begin to get this thing underway in the following form, with the idea in mind that it will be possible to create an agency here by canvassers that will show how it may be worked out; that we may build a hospital, make this broad street broader, make Chestnut Street wider, open your vistas from Punchard Avenue along by the side of this splendid building, and in all ways set before the people for all time a community center not surpassed in the Commonwealth.

Voted—That the Committee on War Memorial be continued for the purpose of formulating a program to carry into effect as much of the recommendation submitted at this meeting by report and plans of its committee as it believes can be financed through taxation, supplemented by private subscription. That for the purpose of learning what private subscriptions might be available, said committee be authorized to increase its members and arrange an organization for canvassing the town. That the committee report its recommendations to the town but that the committee have no authority to bind the town to any expenditure from taxation or otherwise unless and until authorized so to do by the town at a future town meeting.

"The mission of the war was to make the world one great community center in which the problems of the people across the water were the problems of the people here in America. To work out that mission we sent from our borders a group of young men of whom any town might well be proud. Some of them laid down their lives; others of them came back home; but all were filled with the spirit of a broadened fellowship of man to man. Andover, your Andover, my Andover, has left to you and to me a heritage of which every one of us may well be proud. We must pass that heritage on enriched, sweetened, made brighter and of greater force in the world, or else the task we have done today has been but a feeble attainment. My interest in this great plan is because through its fulfillment we shall speak for all the years to come of the purpose of the Andover of today to ever keep that heritage that we have, so that it shall go on to the people who are to follow us still further enriched and sweetened and make their Andover a finer Andover because we did pass on the things recommended by your committee in connection with this particular project."

Moderator: "I understand that the committee is in favor of the general project as outlined, but I would like to ask the mover with reference to that first sentence in his motion, 'to formulate a program to carry into effect'."

Mr. Cole: "Please note at the close it is to be subject to the approval of the town."

Mr. Frost: "It is a very delicate position, gentlemen, to always be pulling back on the traces, and that is not my disposition, but as I listened to this report, absolutely a surprise to me, by the way I don't know how many of you have been in the secret, I thought to myself, 'What a wonderful committee we have got!' The honorable gentleman who has presented this plan to us must be a man of large vision, and there is no doubt about that, for he seems to be thinking in terms of millions of dollars. He is evidently used to dealing in these large amounts, and I thank the Lord he is smart enough to do it, but it must seem very much like a vest-pocket matter to come here and listen to our budget. He has not told us how much this thing is going to cost, but judging by the single house and plumbing bill I have been figuring on, I should say this would be somewhere in the neighborhood of about $2,000,000. We don't owe but $309,000 now. I am reminded of an incident which recently occurred when a woman came to me who lives in the most meagre condition, perhaps, of anyone in this town, and showed me plans of a house. Her husband is getting twenty dollars a week and she thought she could pay for the house in about twelve years. I am a poor man, but I told her if she would go home and be content until spring and put off work on these plans I would give her $25, and I think I know where I can get $25 more and perhaps enough to build her a little but of a room on her house. She had a $50 coat on and she said, 'I don't know when I will get it paid for; it is costing a dollar a week.' Andover wouldn't know itself, it absolutely would regard itself as a stranger, if it were ever to get out of debt. There is not a town in Massachusetts that knows enough to get out of debt. Last year we paid $19,000 on the debt, $18,000 in interest money, $67,000 in one year. I may be wrong, if so let somebody come and dispute me, but for every dollar that we paid on our debt we have paid 52 cents in interest money. If you call that the right way to run the town of Andover, I don't. You have no idea what a facility what a propensity, the town of Andover and every other town has for running in debt. I believe Andover is rich enough to put that thing through, I believe it with all my soul, but I was waiting to see whether he wanted to charge that back to the poor farmers. I think he said no, but anyway, I want them to go around to the men who are buying hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of Liberty Bonds in order not to pay tax. Let them take this plan around to the rich men and let them do the subscribing."

Professor Forbes: "I wish to say a few words in behalf of the plan as presented. It seems to me that the attitude of the last speaker, while disposed to entertain us all by admitting the acknowledged ability of all the members of the committee and by setting forth some amusing financial events, has not touched at all the question which this committee was asked to consider. The committee was appointed for the purpose of proposing to the town of Andover one of the most serious propositions that it can make, to the memory of those who gave what none of us gave, possess it, only because they gave their lives. Now we are not unmindful of the fact that a lot of boys marched down this street and to the railroad station, and across the water, and to heaven. They have got their mansion in the skies now, and we have got our lingering places here and we feel decent enough about it to try and propose something which we feel accords with what we think they deserve in our memory.

We are not speaking in terms of how much it costs; we are speaking in terms that offer you something noble, something worthy, something immortalizing, something that makes their town and our town a far better and finer place. We also offer you enough to have you subtract from it all you can't afford. We didn't propose to offer you something which you would feel mean in doing. We could put up something in line with some of the horrors that resulted as memorials of the Civil War, monuments on the streets from Sears Roebuck Company—they would deliver them now if the delivery was good—or you could have a fountain and a model of a gas tank or a trench at every corner, in accordance with that wonderful artistic sense which has already flooded the country, but thank fortune the country is rising against it now. But these things would not mean the way in which we want to express our gratitude towards those who won the war. There was no use in presenting something small to you, and no use in asking you to do something which you could do in a minute. There is nothing in the proposal what means this must be done today. It is something toward which we can look forward for time enough to do it, but the idea was to have some plan to go somewhere on, for instance, towards giving this town a town hall where it will have room to be seen and where you will not bump against it every time you come down town in an automobile. This site can be sold; it is worth money and some of you business men would like it. These things are not to be jumped at at once; they are to be looked forward to and planned for. We are asking only that you will consider the matter, and that you will let those who are on your committee, or some others, broad-minded and fine spirited gentlemen, take up the problem and present to you what they can offer. Don't take what you don't want, but if you want to put something up which will be a proper memorial for the boys that have gone, and express some kind of a decent remembrance of them for your children, here is a plan which is offered to you."

(Mr. Cole's motion, voted.)

Article 7.—To hear and act on the report of the committee appointed to consider the sale of the Andover Town Farm, or change in method of operating the same.

Mr. Cole: "I regret that we must ask to have that matter continued to a later date. It was before the committee at the time of Mr. Eames' sickness, and no formal report is ready, because negotiations which he was a party to had not proceeded so that we could close the matter up. I would ask that the committee be continued for a further report at a later town meeting."

(So ordered).

Article 8.—To see if the town will accept and maintain thirty-four (34) street light standards and lights in Shawsheen Village, as per plans submitted to Lighting Committee, and appropriate a sum of money therefor, on petition of William M. Wood and others.

F. H. Hardy: "I would like to know if the lighting committee have considered what amount would be necessary to accept these lights and put the plan into operation."

Moderator: "There is no motion before us."

Mr. Hardy: "I would make a motion to appropriate the sum if I knew what it was."

Mr. Dodge: "I move that this matter be laid on the table."

Voted.

Article 9.—To see if the town will accept as a gift from William M. Wood, a granite drinking fountain to be located in Shawsheen Village, to take the place of the iron fountain now located there, on petition of William M. Wood and others.

Mr. Cole: "I know nothing about this Article and I know nothing about the previous Article, but let us think just a minute whether the attitude just now so forcibly expressed, is the attitude the town wants to express toward the kind of development, the character of service, and the interest in the town of Andover that this gentleman evidences in his request that you shall take over the standards to carry the electric lights which he has put in at enormous costs. Mr. Wood has not asked me to speak for him, and he needs no defendant here, but I do know that down in Shawsheen Village he has created a splendid settlement that we need, that the town of Andover cannot afford to get along without; and you can insult him by yelling at him, but you can't build Andover that way. There has gone out all over this town a communication about his request to build a bridge down there, which implies that he attempted to put something across on this town. Some people have been sadly misinformed on this matter. He came into my office the other day when the hearing was on, and said he had learned that this had not had a proper notice, and I said: 'Mr. Wood, go over and tell them so.' Mr. Wood himself asked for a continuance because he would not stand for that kind of an attempt to put something over, and the hearing was postponed to a time far enough distant so that everybody might know. He does not ask any favor from the people of Andover, but we need such men as Mr. Wood in the town of Andover, and I cannot sit here quietly in my seat and hear you holler as you have against this proposition he puts up here, when for every dollar it will cost you he spent a hundred or a thousand. We need him in this town. He can get along without us a lot better than we can get along without him. I am going to move, Mr Moderator, that Article 9 be passed, and then I am going to move to reconsider Article 8 and have an intelligent answer on what it costs, and then ask you gentlemen to consider the matter on its own merit. It won't worry Mr. Wood what you do but you'll worry yourselves like blazes when you go to bed tonight if you don't look at this thing fairly. I move that the town accept with pleasure and satisfaction the memorial fountain as proposed, and approve its location at such point as Mr. Wood may desire to locate it, subject to the approval of the Department of Public Works."

Mr. Franklin: "In regard to this fountain I would say that in the course of building in Shawsheen Village it was found that the present iron drinking fountain now located there, would be in the way and it was thought desirable to move it to some other locality. Having this fact in mind Mr. Wood thought it would be an excellent thing to substitute for it a granite fountain, and he has had plans prepared for that fountain. I haven't them here with me, but anybody who is interested in them is welcome to look at them. This fountain is of a very substantial character and artistic design, and all Mr. Wood asks of the town is that they accept it without any expense on their part."

Mr. Rogers: "As a member of the Board of Public Works we always think the work Mr. Wood is doing is a good thing. I understand that the fountain is already placed, but I don't know anything about it."

(Article 9 Voted).

Mr. Cole: "I now move that the town reconsider its vote in connection with Article 8, and if that motion prevails I shall ask that we have some information upon the proposition, and when such information is presented, let us act upon it on its merits."

Reconsideration voted.

Mr. Cole: "I would like to ask the lighting committee if they can't inform us what is involved in connection with the taking over of these standards as proposed in the Article in the warrant."

Mr. Coleman: "We have looked this matter over pretty thoroughly having had several meetings with a representative of Mr. Wood, and he has very kindly given us a plan which he presumed covered the entire ground, and he presented his application for the warrant upon that, for 34 standards and lights. The committee has not any recommendation to make, but leaves it to the citizens of the town. However, individually as one member of that committee I want to say that I don't believe the town can afford to turn down the small amount that is asked for. I wish to say that the expense for those lights, in accordance with the blueprint, is $1200 per year."

Mr. Clark: "I would like to ask if the standards for lights are located on streets now owned or controlled or accepted by the town."

Mr. Franklin: "I wish to say that the standards are located on public highways."

Mr. Clark: "That being so I would move that the town appropriate a sufficient sum of money to light said standards."

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Mr. Bodwell: "There seems to be one discrepancy in the figures Mr. Coleman has just given. At the time that Mr. Coleman first figured it he found that the net cost of this additional lighting in Shawsheen Village would be about $2100."

Mr. Coleman: "At the time I met the Finance Committee we did not have a very definite idea of what was wanted. We talked of placing them 350 feet apart, putting two 400-candle power lamps in. Since then the plan has been submitted calling for only 34 lights, which reduces the cost by reducing the candle power from 400 to 250."

Mr. Burns: "As a member of the lighting committee we discussed this matter on two evenings. Mr. Pomeroy, representing Mr. Wood, came before us about two months ago and had a plan which consisted of a single pole with one light, and Mr. Sargent and Mr. Colby of the Gas Company were at that meeting. The figures at that time, as I understand it, were practically as Mr. Bodwell states, something like $2000. At the recent meeting of the lighting committee we took no action. Mr. Pomeroy was not there, but a plan was submitted and Mr. Colby, the member of the Gas Company, said it would cost about $1039 to install the additional thirty-four lights. As one member of the committee I felt that, in view of the fact that the total lighting of the town of Andover was $6500, it would be inadvisable at this time to go into this thing, especially in view of the fact that Mr. Colby said that the plans were very much in the air down there, and if the plan went through it would probably be before the first of July before the lighting would be able to go into effect. Then too, a new contract is to be entered into with the Lawrence Gas Company a year hence, and we don't know how much it will be a year hence, but we can safely assume it will be much larger than it is at the present because this present contract has been in effect nearly five years. I suppose that the other members of the committee felt that it would be better for the town of Andover to let this matter go over until we had something definite presented by some representative of Mr. Wood, and I would suggest, not as a personal matter, but as one of the members of the lighting committee that this matter be referred to the lighting committee so that at some subsequent time we can hear somebody representing Mr. Wood. The petition calls for the accepting of the standards. Those are the poles. Now the town does not want to maintain any poles or standards; that is the duty of the Lawrence Gas Company, so the petition seems faulty in that respect. It would cost $1034 to light Main street with poles 150 feet apart, and they are now 500 to 600 feet apart. I don't want to appear to be opposing in any way what Mr. Wood does, for I think we have got to meet him with a spirit of co-operation, but I do feel that this matter is so undecided at this time by the members of the lighting committee because of lack of information, that I would suggest that the matter be referred to the lighting committee to report at the next town meeting or a special town meeting. We will be in a position then to know what we are talking about."

Mr. Cole: "I think what Mr. Burns has just given to us is enlightening, and the situation is progressing, but I would like to ask two or three questions. Are these standards ornamental standards, rather different from the ordinary poles? I understood so."

Mr. Burns: "The standards are there all placed."

Mr. Cole: "If they are there I should say they become a fixture that the town is responsible for, having allowed him to put them there. I think we ought to take them over, that is the least we could do; I do not think we can turn them over to the Gas Company, for they would have the authority to remove them. I think perhaps you have a legal situation there. We should allow this matter to go to the lighting committee with a recommendation for an appropriation that should co-operate with either the Gas Company, or meet Mr. Wood in maintaining them until they are able to make a definite and proper report. It seems to me that it is the attitude to take toward a project in which so many things are involved. I would suggest that the standards be accepted, because they are already there in the town highway. We can order them removed provided they are there without proper license, but if they are there—"

Mr. Franklin: "They are not there yet."

Mr. Cole: "Now I learn that they are not there. That cleans up the situation effectually; I am going to agree with Mr. Burns that the matter be referred to the lighting committee, with the purpose in mind to co-operate with Mr. Wood when we can find out what it is going to cost."

Voted.

Mr. Traynor: "I think we would be very ungrateful to the commiteee on War Memorial if we did not move a vote of thanks. I move you, if I am in order, that we extend to the Committee on War Memorial a vote of thanks."

Moderator: "I see no objection to interfering with the flow of business to bestow gratitude." Voted.

Article 10.—To see if the town favors the granting, by the Selectmen, of a Sunday License for Moving Pictures, on petition of Samuel Resnik and others.

Mr. Burns: "I have been asked to say a few words in behalf of this petition. It is here simply to get an expression of opinion. I move that it be the consensus of this meeting that the town is favorable to the licensing of moving pictures on Sunday."

Seconded by Mr. Dodge.

Mr. Burns: "This petition here is not over the heads of the selectmen. I was given to understand that it was put in with their approval, consequently I don't want the citizens to feel that we are doing anything in going over their heads in this matter. It is up to them in the final analysis whether they will permit moving pictures in Andover on Sunday, and I don't doubt they are desirous of getting some expressions of opinion from the citizens of Andover on so important a matter. I realize that this is quite an entering wedge into the old Sunday Blue Laws to get a town like Andover to take this step, but I feel that in view of the fact that we have two young men here in Andover running our local Colonial Theatre who have shown their patriotism during the war on many occasions, and who, I believe, you will admit have presented a class of pictures, both from an educational and moral standpoint as well as amusement, above criticism, we are safe in assuming that if the selectmen see fit to grant these two young men a license to keep the theatre open on Sunday, the pictures they present will be above criticism and they will not only show the same discrimination in the future, but will be even more careful if the license is granted. Of course, I suppose there will be more or less opposition to this expression of a favorable opinion. When I came into the hall this afternoon I spoke to a very eloquent gentleman who I am sure will speak against this measure, probably with more eloquence than I.

"But what are the real reasons against granting a license to keep open on Sunday our local theatre? I suppose it comes from the church element. I personally would be the last man to want to lower the standard of a community, or to place in a community a source of sin by any action of this sort. I suppose the church people and some of the clergymen are opposed to this from the church point of view, but it seems to me that there is to be no competition between the movies and the church whatsoever. The church bells peal forth their invitations on Sunday from 6.30 until 12 in the morning, and the movies are not open during those hours. In the evening I understand that very few of our churches are open, except possibly during the Lenten season, and if there was a competition with the churches in the evening, it seems to me that the religious fervor of a man cannot be very deeply rooted if he lets moving pictures take him from his church. I think that we can assume that these pictures are going to be good from a point of view of education and morals, and I think a chance ought to be given to these two young men. They are both citizens of Andover and they ought to have the right to exhibit those pictures. Then if perchance they don't come up to our expectations, the selectmen have the authority to revoke that license any time for cause. Some of you men probably have automobiles and can take your family out on Sunday and give them an outing, whereas the poor man, who is probably not here this afternoon to speak for himself, as he is tending the spindle and the loom, if he wants a little Sunday enjoyment by paying fifteen cents, why not let him have it? Let that thought have some weight with you gentlemen in making up your mind on this question.

"I understand that there are a large number of people in Andover who have asked the selectmen by a postal-card canvass to stir up a campaign against granting these two young men the right to keep open on Sunday. Now I think we have got to have some consideration for the other fellow's desires for recreation and pleasure and amusement. True, it may not be the same as ours, but I feel that the weapon in this matter still remains in our hands, for if the young men abuse the privilege which I hope the selectmen will grant them, we can then have an opportunity of telling them that they were given a privilege which they have abused by not giving us the pictures we desired, and their license will be revoked. I do hope that the men here this afternoon will think seriously on this expression of opinion before turning it down. We are following the lines suggested by the town fathers, and we are not going over their heads. Just one thing further and then I will be through. At present those people who desire to go to the moving picture houses on Sunday have to go to Lawrence and pay 15-cent fare over and 15 cents back. That is thirty cents, and in a family of four or five it makes quite an item. Why not keep that money in circulation in our own community, and let our business men get the benefit of it and give these two young men who are practically back of this petition an opportunity to show what they can do on a Sunday night. I feel sure that some of our clergymen will feel that rather than antagonizing the religious tone of the community they are lifting the tone of the community."

Rev. E. H. Prescott: "I am one of the clergymen. I rise to speak in opposition to this vote that is asked for. For something more than a year a persistent effort has been made to have a license granted for the opening of the theatre on Sunday, or the Lord's Day as I prefer to call it. One of these gentlemen came to me, and in my home for four hours tried to persuade me as to the advisability of co-operating with him and sustaining him in his opinion regarding this feature. Of course I told him that I was decidedly opposed to any such thing and that I would oppose it in every way and would fight him to a finish, so there is no doubt regarding my position in the matter. The matter remained quiet for some time until last summer when there was a petition circulated by the management of the Colonial Theatre asking for people to sign petitions to the selectmen favorable to this measure. The president of the Civic League, of which I have the honor of being secretary, immediately took up the matter and there was a counter-petition sent out through the town. I have a copy of it in my hand, and to that postal-card petition sent out there came back to the Civic League a large number of names of the representative people of this town. These were turned over to the selectmen, and I think there were from 800 to 1000 of those names, if I remember now, who were in opposition to the opening of the theatre. Again this matter has come before us, asking for a vote. The church people do not oppose this because of competition. The church never for a moment purposes to be in competition with the theatre; it never for a single moment would entertain such a thought as that. But the remarks of the gentleman who has just spoken in favor of this, open to your minds the possibility that by the license being granted something might be put over on the town. I am reminded of the case of the tiger in the cage. The time to take care of him is when he is in. I think the granting of this license would be a step in the wrong direction, a step backward, for Andover, and for its spirit which has been so splendidly shown. In conversation with the gentleman who enlisted my aid in his beahlf, he attempted to show me that it was to be a philanthropic movement, a movement of uplift to the town, but I could not agree with him. I told him I thought if the proposition was of that kind he ought to open his doors free, and charge no admission, if opening the playhouse on Sunday night was a movement to uplift and better the town. His answer was, "Oh, no, it wouldn't pay." Then we naturally can conclude that the fundamental of this proposition is not philanthropic, but is absolutely commercial.

"Six days and six evenings the theatre is permitted to open, and the workingman can go in the evening to the theatre, for they are released by a whistle that blows for them oftentimes earlier than for many of us. Saturday is not a day of labor for many of them, and there again they have ample opportunity to visit the theatre. We are asking that Sunday, the day that New England should have and ought to have, and that has become peculiar to New England, should be kept for the higher things and not further commercialized than it is now. It is altogether too much commercialized already, as it is, and it certainly seems to me that the open playhouse with the possibilities associated with it should not be allowed here on the Lord's Day. I have no question as to what the gentlemen would put on their films, but the very best ones are few and far between, from the very best moral standpoint. I hold in my hand a statement from a man who has a great deal to do with films, and it shows that there are very few of the type that should be presented on Sunday evening. The churches who introduced moving pictures as a feature have largely given it up because the proper films could not be had, and also for the reason that the public wold not stand for the things that were simply educational, because they wanted something—what is the word I want?—spicy. That is what they are asking for, and so the churches have given them up. I believe we should also consider the fact that while the women cannot vote, they have largely signed the petition that the voters do not recommend favorable action to this motion, and I think we should have some respect for the magnificence of womanhood, and that we men in the chivalrousness of our spirits should vote No. When this petition was put out by the president of the Civic League, the selectmen in their wisdom did not grant such a license. I hope we will further illustrate by a splendid vote this attitude, and register ourselves as being unfavorable to the commercialized theatre on Sunday."

Mr. Traynor: "I move that this matter be laid on the table."

Mr. Cole: "If the meeting should vote to lay this on the table, it would then be proper, under the article, for another motion to be made, would it not?"

Mr. Bigelow: "I think this action laying the subject on the table is contrary to the desires of many people here who would like to register their position in regard to the petition as stated, and they are holding their seats because they want to stand to say No more emphatically."

Mr. Cole: "May I ask for further information? Would not a motion be in order after the meeting had voted to lay this matter on the table, that the town does not approve of it?"

Moderator: "The moderator will entertain this motion."

Mr. Bigelow: "A motion to show whether the town is favorable to or disapproves of Sunday movies?"

Mr. Burns: "I understand that a motion was made to lay this on the table. I doubt this vote, and would like a rising vote."

(Rising vote taken and vote ratified.)

Mr. Cole: "In order to bring this matter before the meeting for the kind of action that seems to be desired, I move that it is the sense of this meeting that licenses should not be granted for the opening of the moving picture houses on Sunday." Voted.

Article 11.—To see if the town will instruct and authorize the Board of Public Works to arrange and supervise the collection of ashes from houses of residents of the town, on petition of David R. Lawson and others.

Mr. Lawson: "I move the adoption of this article." Motion lost.

Article 12.—To fix the pay of the firemen for the ensuing year.

Voted.

Article 13.—To determine the method of collecting the taxes for the ensuing year.

Mr. Bodwell: "I move that the taxes be collected in the usual way and that the compensation of the collector be fixed at $1800."

Moderator: "Is it your pleasure to include interest at the rate of six per cent per annum?"

Mr. Dodge: "Before that vote is taken I would like to ask why the change is made? I have not seen any recommendations."

Moderator: "Will the Finance Committee answer that question?"

Mr. Bodwell: "The Finance Committee felt that the incentive for this work as it previously existed has passed, as under the law these taxes must be collected or the State will step in and see that they are. It is practically up to the tax collector to collect all taxes, and we thought a fixed sum was the proper way to compensate the tax collector."

Mr. Dodge: "I am not objecting to the sum at all, but I would like to know if it is in accordance with what he has received in previous years."

Mr. Bodwell: "Perhaps Mr. Higgins can tell us what the receipts have been in the past, and what percentage of them went to the collector."

Mr. Higgins: "Last year the collector was paid $1900. I think the question has arisen because automatically with the increase of the tax rate the tax collector's percentage would automatically jump also. That is why the Finance Committee wanted to make it a fixed salary." Voted.

Article 14.—To authorize the Town Treasurer to hire money for the use of the town in anticipation of the revenue of the current financial year, with the approval of the Selectmen.

Voted.

Article 15. To determine what disposition shall be made of unexpended appropriations.

Voted.

Article 16.—To act upon the report of the Town Officers.

Voted to accept reports.

Article 17.—To determine the amount of money to be raised by taxation the ensuing year.

Mr. Higgins: "I move that the amount to be raised by taxation be $211,000." Voted.

Article 18.—To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Mr. Baldwin: "I would like to say just a word regarding the proposed bridge in Frye Village, sometimes called Shawsheen Village. I presume I will be looked upon as one who is not willing to cooperate in the development of this section of the town, but that is not so. The whole trouble with this thing is that it has not been properly brought before us. I think for some reason the chief petitioner has not seen fit to take into his confidence the officials of the town, no plans having been laid before the selectmen, and we know about it only through hearsay. A bill has been introduced into the Legislature for the reconstruction of this bridge, and I believe the plan is to have the amount raised by the issuance of bonds. It is to cost $60,000, some say, although the County Commissioners say $50,000, and various amounts are given. We do not even know what percentage of the cost will be borne by the town; it may be 55 per cent and it may be 45 per cent, but we do know that it is an expensive proposition, and that there are other sections of the town that need new work of this kind done. If the cost is $50,000 and bonds are issued, one gentleman has said here that the interest will raise that cost 52 per cent, and we also share in the county taxes. My only thought in bringing this matter up as new business is for the voters to have an opportunity to take such action as they see fit when the subject comes up on March 9. I might say, further, that if this bridge with others has been considered by the Board of Public Works, probably if we had asked for an appropriation of $10,000 we should have been turned down. We would have been thought asking too much. Nevertheless we understand that it will be advisable to build a wide bridge in order that the State road may be extended to Wilson's Corner, and on that assumption I believe that this bridge could be constructed for at least $20,000, and no doubt the town would wish to share in that expense. We certainly do not need such an elaborate structure as has been planned. I think it would be advisable to appoint a committee of seven, two of whom shall be officers of the town, one a member of the Board of Selectmen and another a member of the Board of Public Works, with instructions to attend the hearing before the Committee on Roads and Bridges on March 9, and to request that Bill No. 85 be withdrawn unless it is so amended that the burden of the town does not exceed $10,000."

Motion made and seconded.

Moderator: "There can be no question that it is absolutely proper, in view of the fact that the legislation is pending. It is entirely and completely confirmed by the town counsel."

Mr. Traynor: "Why does Mr. Baldwin take so much responsibility in shutting off all the town officials and not select his two personal friends to go down there?"

Mr. Cole: "As a practical matter a much better way to approach this would be to have the committee appear at the hearing and request that the bill shall carry a referendum to the voters of the town. You have then got the matter entirely in your hands, and you cannot pledge the town to any expenditure without its approval. That is a customary method in legislation and I should think it could much better be done in this case than the procedure which Mr. Baldwin suggests. It might be possible that $11,000 or $12,000 might be involved and that we would still approve. I wish the motion might be amended so that a referendum brings the whole project back to the town."

Mr. Baldwin: "The sum of money to be appropriated may be $50,000 or $60,000, and the town's share has got to be paid within something like thirty days. The voters of the town have absolutely nothing to say about it, we have got to accept it and put it through, as I understood it. I certainly do not object to the voters passing upon this proposition if there is an opportunity to do so, but as the bill is drawn I think they do not have that privilege."

Mr. Cole: "It is just as easy to amend the bill in its proper way. The proper amendment protects the town by having it come back to the town for a referendum."

Moderator: "Have you an amendment to Mr. Baldwin's motion?"

Mr. Cole: "I have not. I only spoke of that way of doing it, so that the town's interest may be properly protected. I am not interested in this bridge."

Moderator: "I may say that I have also raised with the town counsel the question of the legislative attitude in this matter, the question presenting itself as to whether the Legislature may impose upon the town of Andover a charge for a bridge without the town's being in any way a party to the transaction. I fancied, and I was glad to be confirmed in this idea, that the real rights behind there are legislative rights. We are divisions of the Commonwealth, like the counties, and we are subject to the Legislature; but as a matter of sound politics (I do not mean partisan politics, I mean sound governmental action) it seems to me doubtful if any Legislature would impose upon a town a burden of this kind without giving the town a chance to act. There are now two ways proposed, Mr. Baldwin's and Mr. Cole's. Mr. Cole's desire is that it be amended so that no sum of money be assessed on the town without a referendum." The following vote was passed:

Voted—That the moderator appoint a committee of seven, two of whom shall be officers of the town—one a member of the Board of Selectmen, another a member of the Board of Public Works—with instructions to attend the hearing before the Committee on Roads and Bridges on March 9, and to request that Bill 845 be withdrawn, unless it is so amended as to provide for a referendum of its legislation to the voters of Andover at a regular or special town meeting, for approval and ratification.

Mr. Traynor: "Under the head of new business would it not be well for this town to instruct its selectmen to find out what way they can better the condition of the people going to and from the town in the way of car service going through the town? The selectmen have never done anything about this, and I stand here to challenge them on this point. One of the selectmen said he had an appointment with the superintendent, but they have never bothered any further about it. They ought to think something of the citizens who go to work. I don't have to use the cars, but many do. I think there should be something done about the street cars, and I move that the selectmen be instructed to communicate with the street railway company asking for better service for the town of Andover." Voted.

Adjourned.

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PROBATE COURT

ESSEX, ss.

To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, and all other persons interested in the estate of Harry M. Eames late of Andover in said County, deceased.

WHEREAS, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court for probate by Hetty W. Eames who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to her, the executrix therein named, without giving a surety on her official bond:

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Salem in said County of Essex, on the fifteenth day of March A.D. 1920, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks in the Andover Townsman a newspaper published in Andover the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by mailing, postpaid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days at least before said Court.

Witness, Harry R. Dow, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this twenty-fifth day of February in the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty.

HORACE H. ATHERTON, Jr., *Register.*

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PROBATE COURT

ESSEX, ss.

To all persons interested in the estate of Lyman A. Belknap late of Andover in said County, merchant, deceased

WHEREAS, Old Colony Trust Company, the trustee under the will of said deceased, has presented for allowance, the first to sixth accounts inclusive of its trusts under said will, to wit, for the benefit of John Belknap and others, James Lyman Belknap, Grace Winch Bates and others, and the three children of Grace Winch Bates.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Lawrence in said County, on the eighth day of March A.D. 1920, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed.

And said trustee is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons interested in the estate fourteen days at least before said Court, or by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Andover Townsman a newspaper published in Andover the last publication to be one day at least before said Court, and by mailing, postpaid, a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate seven days at least before said Court.

Witness, Harry R. Dow, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this seventeenth day of February in the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty.

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BALLARDVALE

Willing Workers Business Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Methodist Willing Workers society was held in the vestry last Monday evening. The meeting was called to order by the secretary in the absence of the two higher officers. Hymns were sung and prayer offered by the pastor after which the business of the evening was disposed of. The secretary's report of the last meeting was read and accepted. The treasurer's report showed a small balance in the treasury after the first deposit had been paid for the pew cushions. Several gifts of money were received and B. F. Nason made a motion that money received as gifts be used toward buying paint to paint the pews, if the donors were willing. This was voted. A rising vote of thanks was given all those who worked so well to cover the pew cushions and also to those who helped in any other way.

George Brown reported that the social committee are planning for a supper to be held on Monday, March 15, weather permitting. The business meeting adjourned and a social followed. Earle Moody played two piano selections and Mrs. Wintringham sang a solo, "Life's Sunshine and Shadows," the words of which were written by her mother. Cocoa and cake were served by the social committee.

Funeral of George F. Trow

The funeral of George F. Trow was held Monday morning at St. Augustine's church in Andover. A requiem high mass was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Nugent. The bearers were Henry Riley, Charles Sherry, Henry Doucett, Jeffrey Burbine, Joseph Lynch and Henry Surrette.

The deceased was only twenty six years of age and had been in ill health for some time. His death came as a sad blow to his people and to his many friends in the village. He leaves his wife and two young children to mourn his loss besides his mother, Mrs. Mary Trow who recently buried her husband; four sisters, Catherine, May, Rita and Esther, and one brother, Harry.

PLAYS AT CASINO ARDEN

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expected, that there will be a large turn out, — everyone who wants a good time, and, at the same time wants to better the community spirit of the town should come.

The cast of characters will include: Miss Margaret Curran, Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius A. Wood, Frank H. Hardy, Paul M. Rice, Miss Genevieve McNally, and several other well-known people, whose names are withheld temporarily as a surprise. Frank H. Hardy, for a long time actively participating with the Barnstormers, and John McDonald, of professional fame, are directors and stage managers.

All those who have been fortunate enough to obtain tickets are assured of a very pleasant evening.

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May all of you be gay;
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A jolly little play.
We follow it with still another,
To raise your hair in fright;
Because, in such a stirring wise
Some people find delight.
When this is o'er, ye merrie tune
The fiddler 'gins to play,
So, take a chance, good gentlemen,
And dance without delay.
Faster, faster whirl around,
Applaud with jubilee;
Tonight, in Shawsheen Village,
There is naught but gaiety.

C. A. W.

Phillips Academy Notes

Dr. Stearns will preach at Hamilton College, Clinton, N. Y., Sunday, March 7.

Prof. Forbes was the speaker at the Phillips Academy Alumni dinner, March 5, at Hotel Belgravier, Philadelphia, Pa. The officers of this association are: W. L. Murphy, '68, president, and Horace Wells, '92, of the Pierce school, secretary and treasurer.

The records of the self-help bureau of the school, which handles the work of the scholarship boys, announces that of the 120 odd scholarship boys now in school, 71 are doing self-help work outside of school activities. This does not include those who receive prizes and special scholarship for high standing in studies.

Owing to the coal shortage, three of the school buildings at Phillips Andover have been closed indefinitely. The buildings closed are the gymnasium, the archaeology building and the library.

Special Sale at Lunch Box

There will be a sale of home-made cakes, pies and doughnuts at the Lunch Box tomorrow, Saturday, during the regular lunch hours eleven to three. There will shortly be telephone communication with the Lunch Box, but in the meantime orders can be left there for food to be obtained on Saturdays, or any other days if people wish. The Lunch Box is such a friendly, sociable place that one stranger among the patrons remarked, "It's as good as a City Club!"

Farmers' Day Cancelled

Farmers' Day, which was to have been held at the County Agricultural School, Hathorne, on Wednesday, March 10, has been cancelled. The condition of the transportation service is such that a proper handling of the customary large audience cannot be taken care of; added to this is the difficulty of moving implements and other material which would be a further burden on the transportation lines.

It is to be hoped that a large summer field meeting may be arranged for to take the place of this important meeting.

Siftings

The Lunch Box did a thriving business on Monday and must have catered to the voters who gathered in the center of the town in unusual numbers. This was evidenced by the query of the woman who opened the door a crack wide enough to ask, "Is anyone allowed in here but men?"

Doughnuts seem to have supplanted the "Town Meeting gingerbread" which was once a part of Andover's March meeting day. Hawkers were accustomed to appear as they now do at a county fair and molasses candy, pulled white, and the delectable rectangles of of gingerbread ridged and shiny were among the wares purchased to take home to the children or sixty or seventy years ago.

Never have children had so much use for sleds as this winter and among the hundreds in daily use, the distinctive "boys' sled" with its low pointed runners and the equally distinctive "girls' sled" with its high curved runners are few and far between and when seen look almost as antiquated as a high bicycle. The majority of children are provided with the more generally used and quite sexless "flier".

Is this modification and compromise of the two types symbolic of the growing equality of men and women professionally, economically and politically?

The Townsman

CHURCH NOTICES

South Church

10.30. Morning worship. Sermon by the minister and communion.
12.00. Church School session.
6.30. Christian Endeavor.
7.30. Union medical mission lecture. Colored stereopticon slides.
7.45 Wednesday. Midweek service.
2.00 Thursday. Women's sewing meeting, preparatory for the Easter Sale.

Chapel

9.30. Sunday School at Peabody House.
10.30. Morning service. Sermon by Prof. Henry W. Foote of Cambridge.
5.15. Vesper service with address by school minister.

Christ Church

9.00. Holy communion.
10.30. Holy communion and sermon. Preacher to be announced.
12.00. Church School.
7.30. Third Lenten evening service. Preacher, Rev. W. H. P. Hatch, D.D.
8.00 Tuesday. Service with six choirs. Preacher, Rev. A. W. Moulton, Bishop-elect of Utah.
1.00 Friday. Children's service.

Baptist Church

10.30. Morning worship with sermon by the pastor. Ninth sermon on "The Teaching of the Master on Great Themes." Subject, "Jesus' Teaching about Real Religion." Communion service following the sermon.
12.00 The Church School.
6.30. Senior Christian Endeavor service.
7.15. The evening service of song and sermon. Subject, "Love's Quest."
7.45 Wednesday. The prayer meeting.
4.00 Friday. The Ladies' Mission Circle meets in the vestry.

Free Church

10.30. Worship with sermon by the pastor, Rev. A. S. Wheelock, followed by admission of new members and sacrament of the Lord's Supper.
12.00. The Church School.
6.30 Rollcall meeting of the Christian Endeavor Society.
7.45 Tuesday. Dramatic reading of "The Country Cousin" by Miss Grace Sage, under the direction of the Men's Club. Tickets, 50 cents for adults, 25 cents for children.
8.10 Wednesday. Reception to Rev. A. S. Wheelock in the parish house.
7.00 and 8.00 Thursday. Rehearsals of the choirs.

West Church

10.30. Public worship with the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.
12.00. Sunday School.
7.00. C. E. meeting, led by Herbert P. Carter.
7.30 Wednesday. The Ladies' Aid Society will meet with Mrs. Herbert P. Carter.
7.15 Thursday. Choir rehearsal under the direction of Mr. Wright.
7.30 Friday. Supper and entertainment in honor of the young people of the South Church of Lawrence.

Obituary

MRS. ELIZA O'HARA

Mrs. Eliza O'Hara, wife of Charles O'Hara died, after an illness of several months, on Thursday evening, March 4th, at her home in West Andover, aged 77 years and 11 months.

She is survived by her husband, Charles O'Hara, by four daughters, Mrs. Joseph Stanley, Elizabeth, Mary, and Carrie O'Hara; and by three sons, Joseph Robert and Arthur.

The funeral will be held on Monday at 2.30 o'clock, services being conducted at the home and later at Christ church.

The Twinkler

On March 3, this little neighbor reaches the most eastern point in its short journey around the sun. Its twinkle can be caught, if the weather is clear, for over an hour after sunset, in the West which, perhaps to most observers is over Wood Hill, where as seen from my my attic window in Andover Square, the sun sets March 20. In January the sun goes down behind the Episcopal church, over Wood Hill. I say goodbye to him in March and September, and I have to rubberneck for him at some point behind the Baptist church steeple. So far as I can now locate the exact June turn about.

C. H. A.

The Ladies' Benevolent society of the Free church met in the parish house this afternoon at 2.30 to pack a barrel for the South.

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TOWN BOARDS ORGANIZE

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empowered Dr. Conroy and Mr. Sanborn, superintendent, to confer with the selectmen and see if arrangements could be made to use the fire horses or any other horses of the town to transport pupils during the present emergency.

Matters of vital interest to the schools were discussed but definite action was postponed until a future meeting.

The finance and advisory committee approved bills for February as follows:

General Expenses	454.32
Expenses of Instruction	5608.26
Expenses of Operation	2459.11
Miscellaneous	82.46
Maintenance	42.21
Auxiliary Agencies	366.27
Miscellaneous	57.02
Total	$9069.65

Dr. Conroy, chairman, announced the standing committees:

Finance and advisory: Dr. Conroy chairman, David R. Lawson, Miss Mary B. Smith.

Teachers: Roy H. Bradford, chairman, Dr. Alfred E. Stearns, Mrs. E. V. French.

Buildings and Equipment: Everett C. Hilton, chairman, Ralph W. Coleman, Fred E. Cheever.

Board of Selectmen

At a meeting held Monday night the Board of Selectmen reorganized with Walter S. Donald, chairman, Andrew McTernen secretary, and George A. Higgins, clerk.

Board of Public Works

The Board of Public Works met on Wednesday evening with all its members present and reorganized as follows: Barnett Rogers, chairman; Philip L. Hardy, secretary; Thomas E. Rhodes, treasurer.

Routine business was transacted. Frank L. Cole was re-elected superintendent, and Georg Dick, clerk and assistant superintendent.

The members of the present board are Barnett Rogers, Thomas E. Rhodes, Philip L. Hardy, Arthur S. Boutwell and William P. McIntyre.

No Present Proslect of Cars to Reading

Andover and Reading cars are now running on their usual schedule as far as Porter road, but the time when service between Andover and Reading will be resumed is problematical. The present service is maintained on only one track.

On last Saturday afternoon the first Lawrence car arrived in Andover square after a four days' interval. On Monday the western track was cleared as far as Morton street, and Tuesday the line was opened to Porter road.

By means of large trucks with snow scrapers attached, Yoeman, Hopkins and Smith, who are engaged in a large trucking business, opened the Reading road to traffic. In places the drifts were from three to eight feet high, but by two days' work the roadway has been made passable. Fourteen trucks which had been stalled for a week were released and there is now a constant stream of traffic in both directions.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

WANTED—A Second Maid for North Andover. Please apply to MRS. MARY ADAMS, 8 Morton St., Andover.

FOUND—A Pocketbook containing a small sum of money. Owner may have same by calling at 43 Summer St., and proving property.

WANTED—A reliable man for gardening and general chores around the house. BARTLETT H. HAYES, Phillips St., Andover.

Andover Saving Bank

The following pass book issued by the Andover Savings Bank has been lost and application has been made for issuance of a duplicate book.

Public notice of such application is hereby given in accordance with Section 10, Chapter 590 of the Acts of 1908.

Book No. 49643
Payment has been stopped.

FREDERIC S. BOUTWELL,
Treasurer

March 5, 1920.

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